



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

31st Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Tuesday 31 October 2017

Present:

George Adam	Maurice Corry
Mary Fee	John Finnie
Mairi Gougeon	Liam Kerr
Fulton MacGregor	Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Liam McArthur	Margaret Mitchell (Convener)
Stewart Stevenson (Committee Substitute)	

Apologies were received from Ben Macpherson.

The meeting opened at 10.01 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 5 in private.
2. **Civil Litigation (Expenses and Group Proceedings) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Sheriff Principal James Taylor;

Elaine Samuel, Honorary Fellow, University of Edinburgh.

Liam Kerr declared interests as a practising solicitor and as a member of the Law Society of Scotland and of the Law Society in England and Wales.

3. **Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 2 from—

Gillian Mawdsley, Policy Executive, Law Society of Scotland;

Detective Superintendent Gordon McCreadie, Public Protection, Police Scotland;

Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive, Scottish Women's Aid;

Professor Mandy Burton, School of Law, University of Leicester.

4. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 26 October 2017.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee reviewed its work programme.

The meeting closed at 12.44 pm.

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