



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Tuesday 16 January 2018

Present:

George Adam	Maurice Corry
John Finnie	Mairi Gougeon
Daniel Johnson	Liam Kerr
Fulton MacGregor	Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Ben Macpherson	Margaret Mitchell (Convener)
Tavish Scott (Committee Substitute)	

Apologies were received from Liam McArthur.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Declaration of interests:** Daniel Johnson was invited to declare any relevant interests. Mr Johnson had no such interests to declare but he stated that his wife is a practising solicitor.
2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Notice to Local Authorities (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017 (SSI 2017/421).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

4. **Remand:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—

Anthony McGeehan, Procurator Fiscal, Policy and Engagement, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

David Strang, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland;

Teresa Medhurst, Director of Strategy and Innovation, Scottish Prison Service;

Anne Pinkman, Convenor, Scottish Working Group on Women's Offending.

Fulton MacGregor declared an interest as being on the register of the Scottish Social Services Council.

5. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee continued consideration of a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were proposed and decided upon (one by division) and the Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed (a) to undertake further work on remand; and (b) witnesses for its round-table evidence sessions on (i) Brexit and family law, and (ii) Brexit and civil, commercial and consumer law.

The meeting closed at 12.54 pm.

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