



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**4th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)**

**Tuesday 30 January 2018**

Present:

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

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Brexit and family law:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—

Janys M Scott QC, Faculty of Advocates;

Lucia Clark, Partner, Morton Fraser;

Juliet Harris, Director, Together Scotland;

Professor Paul Beaumont, Chair in EU and Private International Law, University of Aberdeen;

Professor Janeen Carruthers, Professor of Private Law, University of Glasgow.

3. **Brexit and civil, commercial and consumer law:** The Committee took evidence, in round-table format, from—

Jason Freeman, Legal Director (Consumer), Competition and Markets Authority;

Frank Johnstone, Partner, Dentons;

James Mure QC, Convenor, European Committee, and Peter Sellar, Member, Faculty of Advocates;

Graeme Paton, Chartered Trading Standards Practitioner, Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland;

Professor Paul Beaumont, Chair in EU and Private International Law, University of Aberdeen;

Professor Janeen Carruthers, Professor of Private Law, University of Glasgow.

Daniel Johnson declared an interest as a director of a retail company.

4. **Brexit and family law - witness expenses:** The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the evidence session.
5. **Brexit and civil, commercial and consumer law - witness expenses:** The Committee agreed to delegate to the Convener responsibility for arranging for the SPCB to pay, under Rule 12.4.3, any expenses of witnesses in the evidence session.
6. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to hold a round-table evidence session on 20 February on Brexit and police and criminal justice.

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

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