



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Tuesday 5 February 2019

Present:

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| John Finnie | Jenny Gilruth |
| Daniel Johnson | Liam Kerr |
| Fulton MacGregor | Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener) |
| Margaret Mitchell (Convener) | Shona Robison |

Apologies were received from Liam McArthur.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 7 in private. The Committee also agreed that its consideration of a draft report on post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 should be taken in private today and at future meetings.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instrument—

Licensing (Amendment) (EU Exit) (Scotland) Regulations 2019 (SSI 2019/6).

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

3. **European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018:** The Committee agreed that the following instrument has been laid under the appropriate procedure—

Jurisdiction and Judgments (Family, Civil Partnership and Marriage (Same Sex Couples)) (EU Exit) (Scotland) (Amendment etc.) Regulations 2019 [draft].

4. **Public petitions:** The Committee considered the following petitions and agreed in relation to—

PE1458 by Peter Cherbi on a register of interests for members of Scotland's judiciary: to keep the petition open while seeking further information in relation to issues raised in the petition.

PE1633 by Bill Alexander on private criminal prosecution in Scotland: to seek further information in relation to wider issues connected with the petition and to close the petition on the basis that the original issues raised in this petition have been addressed by the Lord Advocate.

In relation to petition PE1633, Rona Mackay indicated that the petitioner is a constituent.

5. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee noted a report back from the Convener of the Sub-Committee on the meeting held on 31 January 2019.
6. **Post-legislative scrutiny of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed to continue consideration of the draft report at its next meeting.
7. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed (a) to gather written and oral evidence on the criminal prosecution of elder abuse; (b) to hold a round-table evidence session on secure care places for children; (c) to consider a paper on a possible round-table or evidence session on Information Disclosure Orders; and (d) to undertake fact-finding visits to the Scottish Crime Campus at Gartcosh and to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service National Training Centre at Cambuslang.

The meeting closed at 11.46 am.

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