



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

24th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 6 October 2020

Present:

Annabelle Ewing  
James Kelly  
Fulton MacGregor  
Liam McArthur

John Finnie  
Liam Kerr  
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)  
Adam Tomkins (Convener)

Apologies were received from Shona Robison.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3, 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Culpable Homicide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—  
  
    Claire Baker MSP;  
  
    Patrick McGuire, Solicitor, Thompsons Solicitors.
3. **Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee discussed its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to, and the report was agreed for publication.
5. **Pre-Budget Scrutiny (in private):** The Committee agreed its approach to Pre-Budget Scrutiny.
6. **Work programme and Member's Bills (in private):** The Committee discussed its approach to the consideration of two Member's Bills.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

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