

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2008 (Session 3)

Tuesday 2 December 2008

Present:

Bill Aitken (Convener)
Bill Butler (Deputy Convener)
Cathie Craigie
Paul Martin

Robert Brown Angela Constance Nigel Don Stuart McMillan

Also present: Fergus Ewing (Minister for Community Safety)

The meeting opened at 10.18 am.

1. **Damages (Asbestos-Related Conditions) (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

Amendment 1 was moved and, with the agreement of the Committee, withdrawn.

The following amendments were not moved: 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and the Long Title were agreed to without amendment.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

- 2. Offences (Aggravation by Prejudice) (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Committee agreed to accept all written evidence received in response to the call for evidence and also agreed its approach to oral evidence on the Bill at Stage 1, including a background briefing from the Bill team in private at a future meeting.
- 3. **Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the possible contents of a draft Stage 1 report.

The meeting closed at 12.15 pm.

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