



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

4th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 5 February 2013

Present:

Roderick Campbell	John Finnie
Christine Grahame (Convener)	Colin Keir
Jenny Marra (Deputy Convener)	Alison McInnes
Graeme Pearson	Sandra White

Apologies were received from David McLetchie.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider its approach to the forthcoming Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill in private at future meetings.
2. **Inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons:** The Committee took evidence from—

Neil Powrie, Convener, Association of Visiting Committees for Scottish Penal Establishments;

Brigadier Hugh Monro, HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland;

Pete White, Co-ordinator, Positive Prison? Positive Futures;

Dr Kimmett Edgar, Head of Research, Prison Reform Trust;

Alan Staff, Chief Executive, Apex Scotland;

Katharine Brash, Assistant Head of School, Offender Learning and Skills, Carnegie College;

Andy Martin, Chief Executive, Martin Plant Hire;

Kirsten Sams, Manager, Offender Learning and Skills, Motherwell College.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—

Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2012 (SI 2012/3073);

Restriction of Liberty Order etc. (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/6).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

The meeting closed at 11.57 am.

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