



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

6th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 26 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 10.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed (by division: For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 0) to take item 5 in private.
2. **Inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons:** The Committee took evidence from—  
  
Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;  
  
Joe Griffin, Deputy Director, Community Justice, Scottish Government;  
  
Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.
3. **Inquiry into purposeful activity in prisons:** The Committee considered the evidence received and agreed to consider a draft report at a future meeting.
4. **Correspondence with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service:** The Committee noted a response from the Crown Agent and Chief Executive and agreed to seek further information from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee reviewed its work programme in relation to consideration of research produced by the Scottish Campaign against Irresponsible Driving (SCID) and the University of Dundee on fatal road

accidents. The Committee agreed to seek the views of SCID and the University of Dundee on the evidence considered by the Committee at this meeting. The Committee also agreed to write to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland asking for further information.

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm.

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