



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 12 March 2013

Present:

Roderick Campbell	John Finnie
Christine Grahame (Convener)	Colin Keir
John Lamont (Committee Substitute)	Alison McInnes
Graeme Pearson	Sandra White

Also present: Patricia Ferguson (for item 5).

Apologies were received from Jenny Marra (Deputy Convener) and David McLetchie.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 7 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the—

Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Supplementary, Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) Order 2013 [draft];

Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 [draft];

Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Investigations Procedure, Serious Incidents and Specified Weapons) Regulations 2013 [draft];

from—

Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;

Christie Smith, Head, and Stephanie Virlogeux, Senior Policy Manager, Police and Fire Reform Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Kenny MacAskill (Cabinet Secretary for Justice) moved—

S4M-5847—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Supplementary, Transitional, Transitory and Saving Provisions) Order 2013 [draft] be approved;

S4M-5848—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (Consequential Modifications and Savings) Order 2013 [draft] be approved;

S4M-5849—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner (Investigations Procedure, Serious Incidents and Specified Weapons) Regulations 2013 [draft] be approved.

The motions were agreed to. The Committee agreed to consider a draft report on the instruments at its next meeting.

4. **Public Bodies Consent:** The Committee took evidence on a Scottish Government memorandum relating to the Public Bodies (Abolition of Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council) Order 2013 (PBCM(S4) 7.1) from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs.

The Committee agreed to consider a draft report on the memorandum at its next meeting.

5. **Inquiry into the effectiveness of the provisions in the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jean Charsley, Chair, Glasgow Factoring Commission;

Mike Marriott, Greenbelt Group Action;

Kyla Brand, and Darren Eade, Office of Fair Trading.

Christine Grahame and John Lamont indicated that they were formerly solicitors.

6. **Public petitions: PE1403** The Committee considered a petition by Peter Morris on improving support and assistance to victims of crime and their families. The Committee agreed to consider the issues raised in the petition as part of its scrutiny of the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill.
7. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1 and agreed (a) potential witnesses; and (b) to undertake fact-finding visits.

The meeting closed at 12.08 pm.

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