



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

11th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 16 April 2013

Present:

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

Also present: Lewis Macdonald (for item 2).

Apologies were received from David McLetchie.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

David McKenna, Chief Executive, Victim Support Scotland;

Cliff Binning, Executive Director Field Services, Scottish Court Service;

David Harvie, Director of Serious Casework, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Superintendent Grahame Clarke, Safer Communities, Police Scotland;

Sandy Brindley, National Co-ordinator, Rape Crisis Scotland;

Louise Johnson, National Worker - Legal Issues, Scottish Women's Aid;

Peter Morris, petitioner and campaigner.

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

Police Pensions (Contributions) Amendment (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/89);

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (Framework and Appointed Day for Strategic Plan) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/97);

Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (Rural Housing Bodies) Amendment Order 2013 (SSI 2013/100).

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

4. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered and noted the following instrument which was not subject to any parliamentary procedure—

Act of Sederunt (Sheriff Court Rules) (Lay Representation) 2013 (SSI 2013/91).

5. **Budget Strategy Phase:** The Committee agreed its response to the Finance Committee on the Budget Strategy Phase.

6. **Scottish Court Service (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to the Scottish Court Service report 'Shaping Scotland's Court Service' and agreed to further consider its approach at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.29 pm.

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