



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**15th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)**

**Tuesday 14 May 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	

Apologies were received from David McLetchie.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 5, 6 and 7 in private.
2. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;

Graham Ackerman, Criminal Law and Licensing Division, Scottish Government.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

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

Police Service of Scotland (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/125).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

4. **Annual report:** The Committee agreed its annual report for the parliamentary year from 11 May 2012 to 10 May 2013.
5. **Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered the main themes arising from evidence received in order to inform the drafting of its Stage 1 report.
6. **Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (in private):** The Committee considered its approach to its scrutiny of the implementation of the fire service provisions in the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and agreed which witnesses to invite.
7. **Inquiry into the effectiveness of the provisions in the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed to consider a revised draft report at its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.40 pm.

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