

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

## **MINUTES**

26th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

## **Tuesday 1 October 2013**

## Present:

Roderick Campbell
Christine Grahame (Convener)
Alison McInnes
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)
Sandra White

John Finnie Colin Keir Margaret Mitchell John Pentland

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

- Decision on taking business in private: The Committee agreed to consider its draft report on the Tribunals (Scotland) Bill in private today and at future meetings.
- Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill: The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Assistant Chief Constable Malcolm Graham, and John Gillies, Director HR, Police Scotland;

Chief Superintendent David O'Connor, President, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents;

Calum Steele, General Secretary, Scottish Police Federation;

Stevie Diamond, Police Staff Scotland Branch, Unison;

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

Grazia Robertson, Member of the Law Society Criminal Law Committee, Law Society of Scotland;

Ann Ritchie, President, Glasgow Bar Association;

Murdo Macleod QC, Faculty of Advocates.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates. Alison McInnes indicated that she is a member of Justice Scotland.

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

Personal Licence (Training) (Scotland) Regulations 2013 (SSI 2013/261).

The Committee endorsed the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's comments and agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument.

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

Act of Sederunt (Rules of the Court of Session Amendment No. 5) (Miscellaneous) 2013 (SSI 2013/238);

Scottish Civil Justice Council and Criminal Legal Assistance Act 2013 (Commencement No. 2) Order 2013 (SSI 2013/262).

The Committee endorsed the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's comments on the instruments.

- 5. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee further considered its approach to the scrutiny of the Bill at Stage 1.
- 6. **Tribunals (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee agreed to defer consideration of its draft Stage 1 report to its next meeting.

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

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