



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

27th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 8 October 2013

Present:

Roderick Campbell
Christine Grahame (Convener)
Alison McInnes
John Pentland

John Finnie
Colin Keir
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)
Sandra White

Apologies were received from Margaret Mitchell.

The meeting opened at 9.31 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 5 in private.
2. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Shelagh McCall, Commissioner, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Professor James Chalmers, and Professor Fiona Leverick, University of Glasgow;

Tam Baillie, Commissioner, Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People;

Mark Ballard, Head of Policy, Barnardo's Scotland;

Rachel Stewart, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Scottish Association for Mental Health;

Morag Driscoll, Director, Scottish Child Law Centre.

3. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee deferred its review of the evidence received to date on the Bill at Stage 1 to a future meeting.
4. **Tribunals (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed its report to the Parliament.
5. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed: (a) the timetable and witnesses for its further scrutiny of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill; and (b) its approach to its scrutiny of the draft Public Services Reform (Prison Visiting Committees) (Scotland) Order 2014.

The meeting closed at 12.36 pm.

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