



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

28th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 29 October 2013

Present:

Roderick Campbell	John Finnie
Christine Grahame (Convener)	Colin Keir
Margaret Mitchell	Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)
Graeme Pearson (Committee Substitute)	Sandra White

Apologies were received from Alison McInnes and John Pentland.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decisions on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take items 3 and 4 in private.
2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15 from—

John Foley, Interim Chief Executive, and Paul Rooney, Chair, Finance and Investment Committee, Scottish Police Authority;

Sir Stephen House, Chief Constable, and Allan Macleod, Interim Director of Finance and Resources, 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;

Catherine Dyer, Crown Agent and Chief Executive, and Anne Marie Hicks, Procurator Fiscal for Domestic Abuse, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service;

Alan McCloskey, Acting Deputy Chief Executive, Victim Support Scotland.

Graeme Pearson indicated that he receives a police pension.

3. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee reviewed the evidence received to date on the Bill at Stage 1.
4. **Inquiry into the effectiveness of the provisions in the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003 (in private):** The Committee noted the response to its report from the Scottish Government and agreed to seek approval from the Conveners Group for a committee debate on the report.

The meeting closed at 1.16 pm.

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