



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

30th Meeting, 2013 (Session 4)

Tuesday 5 November 2013

Present:

Roderick Campbell	John Finnie
Christine Grahame (Convener)	Colin Keir
Alison McInnes	Margaret Mitchell
Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)	John Pentland
Sandra White	

The meeting opened at 9.30 am.

1. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15 from—

Anne Pinkman, Convener, Scottish Working Group on Women's Offending;

Tom Halpin, Chief Executive, Safeguarding Communities - Reducing Offending (Sacro);

Lillian Cringles, Manager, Justice Services, North Lanarkshire Council.

2. **Draft Budget Scrutiny 2014-15:** The Committee took evidence on the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2014-15 from—

Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;

Kerry Twyman, Finance Programme Management Division, Andy Bruce, Deputy Director, Community Justice Division, and Stephen Woodhouse, Police Division, Scottish Government.

3. **Commission on Women Offenders:** The Committee took evidence from—

Kenny MacAskill, Cabinet Secretary for Justice;

Jane Moffat, Community Justice Division, Scottish Government;

Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service.

4. **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012:** The Committee considered correspondence received and agreed to write to the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, the Chief Constable, Police Scotland and the Lord Advocate seeking a response to the issues raised.

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

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