



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

3rd Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 21 January 2014

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Sandra White

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Margaret Mitchell

John Pentland

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to consider its draft Stage 1 report on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill in private today and at future meetings.
2. **European Union legislative proposal:** The Committee considered the following European Union legislative proposal which may raise questions in relation to subsidiarity—

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the strengthening of certain aspects of the presumption of innocence and of the right to be present at trial in criminal proceedings (COM (2013) 821).

The Committee agreed to write to the relevant Westminster committees highlighting its concerns that the proposals may breach the principle of subsidiarity.

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

Act of Sederunt (Fees of Sheriff Officers) 2013 (SSI 2013/345).

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

4. **Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee considered a draft Stage 1 report. Various changes were agreed to and the Committee agreed to continue considering the report at its next meeting.

Alison McInnes indicated that she is a member of the Justice Scotland Council.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

Irene Fleming
Clerk to the Justice Committee
Room T2.60
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
Tel: 0131 348 5195
Email: irene.fleming@scottish.parliament.uk