



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

15th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 13 May 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 take item 4 in private.
2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee took evidence on the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (Part-time Sheriff, Stipendiary Magistrate and Justice of the Peace) Order 2014 [draft] from—

Roseanna Cunningham, Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs, Jan Marshall, Deputy Director, Civil Law and Legal System Division, and Luke McBratney, Solicitor, Constitutional and Civil Law Branch, Scottish Government.

3. **Subordinate legislation:** Roseanna Cunningham (Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs) moved—

S4M-09957—That the Justice Committee recommends that the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (Part-time Sheriff, Stipendiary Magistrate and Justice of the Peace) Order 2014 [draft] be approved.

The motion was agreed to without debate or dissent.

4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed to: (a) take evidence in early June on the Scottish Government's response to Sheriff Principal Taylor's review of expenses and funding of civil

litigation in Scotland, in advance of Stage 2 consideration of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Bill; (b) consider its approach to taking evidence on automatic early release proposals at a future meeting once a response has been received from the Scottish Government on its plans for taking these proposals forward; (c) hold an evidence session at a future meeting, in round-table format, on brain injury and the criminal justice system; and (d) hold an informal briefing with the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs on new psychoactive substances.

The meeting closed at 10.41 am.

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