



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**23rd Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)**

**Tuesday 19 August 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 11.02 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 3 in private.
2. **Police and Fire Service Reform:** The Committee took evidence from—  
  
Derek Penman, HM Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland;  
  
Andy Cowie, Assistant Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland;  
  
Steven Torrie, HM Chief Inspector of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.
3. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed (a) to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice on the legislative consent memorandum on the Criminal Justice and Courts Bill on 30 September and to consider a draft report on 7 October; (b) to invite the Lord Advocate and Police Scotland to give evidence at a future meeting on child sexual exploitation and to write to the Scottish Government seeking details of any steps taken by the Ministerial Working Group aimed at tackling underuse of the legislation; and (c) to consider the update from the Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs on the UK Government's EU opt-out decision at the meeting on 30 September.

The meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

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