



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

26th Meeting, 2014 (Session 4)

Tuesday 28 October 2014

Present:

Christian Allard

John Finnie

Alison McInnes

Elaine Murray (Deputy Convener)

Sandra White

Roderick Campbell

Christine Grahame (Convener)

Margaret Mitchell

John Pentland

Also present: Patrick Harvie (item 2).

The meeting opened at 9.32 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Assisted Suicide (Scotland) Bill:** The Committee took evidence on the Bill at Stage 1 from—

Professor Alison Britton, Convenor, Health and Medical Law Committee, and Coral Riddell, Head of Professional Practice, Law Society of Scotland;

David Stephenson QC, Faculty of Advocates;

Professor Alan Miller, Chair, Scottish Human Rights Commission;

Chief Superintendent Gary Flannigan, Head of Major Crime, Specialist Crime Division, Police Scotland;

Stephen McGowan, Procurator Fiscal, Major Crime and Fatalities Investigation, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Roderick Campbell indicated that he is a member of the Faculty of Advocates.

3. **Drink driving limit:** The Committee took evidence on the Road Traffic Act 1988 (Prescribed Limit) (Scotland) Regulations 2014 [draft] from—

Chief Superintendent Iain Murray, Police Scotland;

Dr Peter Rice, Chair, Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems;

Margaret Dekker, Researcher/secretary, Scotland's Campaign against Irresponsible Drivers.

4. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee considered its work programme and agreed, further to its evidence session on child sexual exploitation on 7 October, to write to the Scottish Government asking for a response to some of the witnesses' suggestions.

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

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