



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 4 February 2020

Present:

John Finnie
James Kelly
Fulton MacGregor
Liam McArthur
Shona Robison

Jenny Gilruth
Liam Kerr
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)
Margaret Mitchell (Convener)

Also present: Gordon Lindhurst, Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice (item 2)

The meeting opened at 11.03 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.
2. **Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Bill:** The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

John Finnie indicated that he is a member of Amnesty International.

The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 6, 24, 37, 29, 9, 12, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 32, 33 and 34.

The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—

- 5 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 19 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 35 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 21 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 36 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
- 25 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
- 26, 27 and 28 en bloc (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
- 31 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—

3 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

8 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)

The following amendments were moved and, no member having objected, withdrawn: 4 and 10.

The following amendments were not moved: 7, 11, 1, 2, 30 and 13.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 1, 4, 5, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26 and 27, schedule 2, sections 28 and 29, and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: schedule 1, sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 23 and 25.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

3. **Justice Sub-Committee on Policing:** The Committee agreed to consider a report back from the Sub-Committee meeting held on 30 January 2020 at a future meeting.
4. **Work programme:** The Committee agreed to consider its work programme, in private, at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.55 pm.

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