



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

14th Meeting, 2020 (Session 5)

Tuesday 2 June 2020

Present:

Dr Alasdair Allan  
James Kelly  
Fulton MacGregor  
Liam McArthur  
Shona Robison

John Finnie  
Liam Kerr  
Rona Mackay (Deputy Convener)  
Margaret Mitchell (Convener)

The meeting opened at 10.00 am.

1. **Domestic Abuse Bill 2019-21 and the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill [HL] 2019-21 (UK Parliament legislation):** The Committee considered the legislative consent memorandums lodged by Humza Yousaf, LCM(S5)35 and LCM(S5)37. The Committee agreed that the Scottish Parliament should give its consent to the relevant provisions in the Domestic Abuse Bill 2019-21 and the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill 2019-21.
2. **Work programme:** The Committee ratified decisions made on its work programme at an informal meeting held on 12 May.
3. **The challenges in restarting jury trials in Scotland's courts:** The Committee took evidence from—

Ronnie Renucci QC, President, Scottish Criminal Bar Association;

Kate Wallace, Chief Executive, Victim Support Scotland;

Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Scottish Government.

Liam Kerr indicated that he is registered with the Law Society of Scotland and the Law Society of England and Wales but is not currently practicing.

4. **The challenges in restarting jury trials in Scotland's courts (in private):**  
The Committee reviewed the evidence heard earlier in the meeting and agreed to write to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

The meeting closed at 12.34 pm.

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