

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

16th Meeting, 2000 (Session 1)

Tuesday 2 May 2000

The Committee will meet at 10 am in the Hub, Castlehill, Edinburgh

1. **Budget 2001-02:** The Committee will take evidence on the Executive's expenditure proposals from—

Gerard Brown, Member of Council and Convener of the Legal Aid Committee, Martin McAllister, Vice-President Elect and Vice-Convener of the Legal Aid Committee and Michael Clancy, Director, Law Society of Scotland

Professor Frank Stephen, author of *Legal Aid Expenditure in Scotland: Growths, Causes and Alternatives*, Professor of Economics, University of Strathclyde

2. **Petitions:** The Committee will consider the following petitions—

PE29 by Alex and Margaret Dekker;

PE55 by Tricia Donegan;

PE71 by James and Anne Bolland;

PE83 by Concern for Justice;

PE89 by Mrs Eileen McBride.

3. **Scottish prisons (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report.

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The following papers are attached for this meeting:

Agenda item 2

Note by the Clerk on petitions PE29 and PE55 (letter from the Lord Advocate attached) JH/00/16/8

Note by the Clerk on petition PE71 JH/00/16/7

PE71 - Letter and enclosures from the Scottish Legal Aid Board JH/00/16/3

Note by the Clerk on petition PE83 (copy of petition and related material attached) JH/00/16/6

Note by the Clerk on petition PE89 (letter from the Minister for Justice attached) JH/00/16/4

Agenda item 3

Draft report (private paper) JH/00/16/5

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Papers for information circulated for the 16th meeting

Letter to the Convener from the Minister for Justice on the Small Claims (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000 and the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971 (Privative Jurisdiction and Summary Cause) Order 2000. JH/00/16/1

Letters from the Minister for Justice to Christine Grahame and Maureen Macmillan on the Abolition of Feudal Tenure etc. (Scotland) Bill JH/00/16/9

Letter to the Convener from the Minister for Justice on Freedom of Information. JH/00/16/2

Extract from the *Scottish Daily Express* on freedom of information

Note by the Clerk on forthcoming meeting slots

Minutes of the 15th Meeting JH/00/15/M

Note: The clerk to the House of Commons Home Affairs Committee has provided a copy of the following recent reports, which may be consulted in Room 3.5 CC:

- *Drugs and Prisons*, 5th Report 98-99 – Report, Evidence and Government reply
- *Managing Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder*, 1st Report 99-00 – Report with Evidence.

Copies of these reports can also be obtained from the Document Supply Centre, although this may take a few days.