



JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

22nd Meeting, 2000 (Session 1)

Tuesday 13 June 2000

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Committee Room 1, Committee Chambers, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh.

- 1. Vulnerable and intimidated witnesses:** The Committee will take evidence on the proposals to improve protection for witnesses in cases involving allegations of rape from—

Sandy Brindlay, Legal Affairs Spokesperson, Scottish Rape Crisis Network;

Law Society of Scotland;

Mr Peter Beaton, Head of Civil Justice and International Division, Justice Department Courts Group, Barbara Brown, Head of Evidence and Civil Justice Branch, Gerald Byrne, Police Division, Scottish Executive, Dr Alastair Brown, Crown Office.

- 2. Petition:** The Committee will consider the following petition—

PE200 by Mr Andrew Watt

- 3. Future Business:** The Committee will consider its future programme.
- 4. Stalking and harassment (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft response by Pauline McNeill to the Stalking and Harassment Consultation.
- 5. Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a revised draft Stage 1 report.

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The following papers are attached for this meeting:

Agenda item 1

Written evidence given to the Equal Opportunities Committee by the Scottish Rape Crisis Network on Service Provision and the Criminal Justice System JH/00/22/4

Copy of email from Zero Tolerance Trust JH/00/22/11

Agenda item 2

Note by the Clerk on PE200 (copy of petition attached) JH/00/22/7

Agenda item 3

Forward Programme June – July 2000 JH/00/22/9

Agenda item 4

Draft letter to the Minister for Justice (private paper) JH/00/22/1

Response to the Scottish Executive by the Law Society of Scotland JH/00/22/3

Response to the Scottish Executive by Scottish Police Federation JH/00/22/6

Response to the Scottish Executive by Scottish Women's Aid JH/00/22/12

Article from SCOLAG Journal (May 2000) by Alison Paterson of Victim Support Scotland, 'Stalking – what is it, what to do?' JH/00/22/8

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Revised draft Stage 1 report on the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc. (Scotland) Bill (private paper) JH/00/22/2

Papers not circulated:

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Members may wish to consult the Official Report of the 7th meeting of the Equal Opportunities Committee on 14th March (cols 473-508) when the Committee took evidence from the Rape Crisis Centre, SAY Women and the Zero Tolerance Trust on violence against women.

Members may also wish to consult the note by the clerk on vulnerable and intimidated witnesses circulated for the 21st meeting of the Committee on 7 June (JH/00/21/9)

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The Official Report of the 21st meeting of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee will be published on Monday 12 June. The Official Report of the 19th meeting of the Subordinate Legislation Committee at which it considered the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Bill and the Bail, Judicial Appointments etc (Scotland) Bill is published on Friday 9 June.

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Papers for information circulated for the 22nd meeting

Reply from the Law Society of Scotland on the Insolvency Bill JH/00/22/5

Supplementary Executive Note on the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000 JH/00/22/10

[**Note:** Committee members are asked to contact Scott Barrie with any comments prior to the Finance Committee meeting on 13 June.]

Written answer to PQ S1W-4594 regarding prison populations and extract from the Press and Journal regarding drugs rehabilitation services in prisons

Minutes of the 21st Meeting JH/00/21/M

Note: The Convener has been sent supporting documents in relation to petition PE124 (on contact rights for grandparents) by Grandparents Apart Self-Help Group, one consisting of a number of “case histories”, the other consisting of a summary of research by the Department of Psychology at Goldsmiths College, London, on the emotional effects of loss of contact by grandparents. Copies of these documents may be obtained from the Clerks.

Members should have received direct by e-mail a submission from the Law Society of Scotland on the European Commission Green Paper on Legal Aid. Alternatively, copies are available from the Clerks.