



## JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**31st Meeting, 2000 (Session 1)**

**Tuesday 31 October 2000**

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in the Chamber, Assembly Hall, the Mound, Edinburgh.

- 1. Items in Private:** The Committee will decide whether to consider draft reports on stage 2 of the budget process 2001/02 and on the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill in private at its next meeting.
- 2. Legal Aid Inquiry:** The Committee will consider the remit of its inquiry.
- 3. STUC Women's Conference:** The Committee will consider an invitation from the Scottish Trades Union Congress to nominate a female representative to attend the STUC Women's Conference.
- 4. Social Partnership Funding:** The Committee will consider a draft application for social partnership funding.
- 5. Petition:** The Committee will consider written evidence on petition PE89 by Eileen McBryde on enhanced criminal record certificates from—  
  
Barnardos;  
  
Scottish Police Federation; and  
  
the Law Society of Scotland.
- 6. Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill (in private):** The Committee will consider a draft report on the Bill.

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**The following papers are attached for this meeting:**

Agenda item 2

Note by the Clerk (draft remit attached)

JH/00/31/9

Agenda item 3

Note by the Clerk (letter from STUC attached)

JH/00/31/7

Agenda item 4

Note by the Senior Assistant Clerk

JH/00/31/11

Draft proposal

JH/00/31/14

Research note

JH/00/31/15

Agenda item 5

Note by the Assistant Clerk (written evidence attached)

JH/00/31/10

Agenda item 6

Draft report (private paper)

JH/00/31/12

**Papers not circulated:**

Agenda item 5

The original petition was circulated as JH/00/17/A (10 May). Members may also wish to refer to the *Official Report* of the 18th meeting, on 15 May, at which the petition was previously considered after being deferred from the 10 May.

Agenda item 6

Members are reminded to bring with them copies of the Bill and Accompanying Documents. Members may also wish to bring along a copy of the *Official Reports* of the Justice and Home Affairs Committee meetings on 19 and 27 September and written evidence circulated in relation to the Bill.

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### Papers for information circulated for the 31st meeting, 2000

#### Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill

Correspondence between the Convener and Brian Hamilton on the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill JH/00/31/3

Supplementary submission from Dr Eric Clive on the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill JH/00/31/4

Prepared speech by Brian Hamilton for 4 October meeting JH/00/31/5

Letter from the Executive on the Leasehold Casualties (Scotland) Bill JH/00/31/13

#### Correspondence with the Executive

Letter to the Convener from the Lord Advocate on Crown Office pay and conditions JH/00/31/1

Letter to the Convener from the Minister for Justice on the proposed ECHR Bill JH/00/31/2

[Note: Contrary to the penultimate sentence of the letter, the Executive does not now intend to issue a draft Bill in advance of introduction.]

Letter to the Convener from the Minister for Justice on legal aid pilot schemes JH/00/31/8

#### Miscellaneous

Note by the Senior Assistant Clerk on petition PE264 (copy of petition attached) JH/00/31/6

Written Answer on Crown Office budget

Extracts from the *Herald* on judicial appointments, the *Daily Mail* on confiscation of assets and the *Scotsman* on rape witnesses

## **Documents not circulated**

Copies of the following have been provided to the Clerk:

- Scottish Executive Central Research Unit Research Report: *The Use of Civil Legal Remedies for Neighbour Nuisance in Scotland*, plus Research Findings (a brief summary of the report)
- Social Work Services Inspectorate for Scotland report: *Managing the Risk: An Inspection of the Management of Sex Offender Cases in the Community*
- Scottish Executive: *Feasibility Study for a Victim and Witness Support Service in Scotland*
- Scottish Retail Consortium: *Response to Advisory Group Report on youth crime review and the Scottish Executive's response*

Copies of these documents can be consulted in Room 3.6 CC. Some may be obtainable on request from the Document Supply Centre. Executive documents are available on the Executive website ([www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)).

The Clerk has received a copy of the latest version ("Convent 5") of the draft *EU Charter of Fundamental Rights* to be discussed at the Nice Summit. Copies may be obtained on request.

## **Report on Real Burdens**

The Scottish Law Commission has published its *Report on Real Burdens*, which contains a draft Title Conditions (Scotland) Bill. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Document Supply Centre (Scot Law Com No 181).

## **Recent statutory instruments**

Members should note that the following SSIs were laid on 29 September and are expected to be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 8 November:

- The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations etc.) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/340)
- The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Prescription of Offices, Ranks and Positions) (Scotland) Order 2000 (SSI 2000/343)

The following SSI was laid on 29 September but is not subject to Parliamentary Procedure:

- The Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000.

## **Freedom of Information**

SPICe Research Paper on Freedom of Information in Scotland (RP – 00/19) has recently been published.