JUSTICE 1 COMMITTEE

AGENDA

36th Meeting, 2004 (Session 2)

Wednesday 24 November 2004

The Committee will meet at 11.00 am in Committee Room 4.

1. Emergency Workers (Scotland) Bill: The Committee will consider the Bill at stage 2.

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Papers for the meeting—

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Members should bring with them copies of the Emergency Workers (Scotland) Bill, available from the Document Supply Centre or on the Scottish Parliament website: http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/bills/index.htm

Members should also bring with them copies of the marshalled list, available from the Document Supply Centre on the morning of Tuesday 23 November 2004, and the groupings of amendments, available from the Document Supply Centre on the morning of Wednesday 24 November 2004. Copies of these documents will also be emailed to members as soon as they are available.

Papers for information—

Email from the Scottish Prison Service Trade Union Side about the Emergency Workers (Scotland) Bill J1/S2/04/36/1

Documents not circulated—

Copies of the following have been supplied to the clerk—


Copies of these documents are available for consultation in room T3.60. Additional copies may also be obtainable on request from the Document Supply Centre.

Forthcoming meetings—

Wednesday, 1 December 2004, CR4;
Wednesday, 8 December 2004, CR2;
Wednesday, 15 December 2004, CR1;
Wednesday, 22 December 2004, CR1*.

*denotes a change from the venue or date indicated previously.
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Email correspondence from the Scottish Prison Service TUS

Pauline,

Having read the Committee's Stage 1 report on the Emergency Workers Bill I discussed with my colleagues on the TUS the misunderstanding the Committee appeared to have in respect of how emergency situations are handled within prisons and in particular the role the police play. I had the fortunate opportunity to discuss this with Stewart Maxwell just prior to the parliamentary debate and was pleased to note he brought the matter to the parliament's attention. As we didn't discuss the role of the police in these situations when we gave evidence on the bill I appreciate that the committee would naturally assume the police would be expected to deal with such matters. However this is not the case and the management and control of emergency situations in prisons are dealt with by SPS staff.

This is carried out by SPS intervention teams comprising of prison officers. The police, although they have the powers to enter the prison always confine their activities to patrolling the outside perimeters of the prison and managing access routes to the prison. I hope this helps to clarify the matter and is useful to the committee's deliberations.

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Andy Hogg, Secretary, SPS Trade Union Side