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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

22nd Meeting 2022, Session 6

CONVENER

*Audrey Nicoll (Aberdeen South and North Kincardine) (SNP)

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Russell Findlay (West Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Jamie Greene (West Scotland) (Con)

*Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

*Rona Mackay (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

*Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab)

Collette Stevenson (East Kilbride) (SNP)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Stephen Imrie

LOCATION

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 10:32]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Audrey Nicoll): Good morning, and welcome to the 22nd meeting in 2022 of the Criminal Justice Committee. We have received apologies from Collette Stevenson.

Our first item of business is a decision on whether to take in private item 3, which is consideration of our approach to the Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill. Do we agree to take that item in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Subordinate Legislation

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2022 (SSI 2022/194)

10:32

The Convener: Our next item of business is consideration of a negative instrument. I refer members to paper 1. Do members have any questions on the content of the instrument?

Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP): I do not have any questions as such, but I want to put on record the fact that I welcome the instrument, as I am sure that we all do. I think that it is a good step forward. We should be doing all that we can to reduce, if not eliminate, the need for custody for women. There will be some circumstances in which that is not possible, but getting as close to elimination as we can get and putting in place provisions to support women who end up in custody can only be welcome.

Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab): I associate myself with what Fulton MacGregor has said. It is a development that we welcome, and we are interested in finding out a lot more about how it will work. I am happy to support the statutory instrument.

The Convener: I, too, associate myself with the comments that Fulton MacGregor and Katy Clark have made. It is a welcome step forward, and the spirit of it seems to be perfectly sound.

On that basis, members are content not to make any specific recommendations to the Parliament on the instrument. I thank members for their views.

That concludes the public part of the meeting. We move into private session.

10:34

Meeting continued in private until 11:39.

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