

# Criminal Justice Committee

## 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2024 (Session 6), Wednesday 7 November 2024

### Submissions received on the Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill - note by the clerk

#### Background

1. When the Committee began taking oral evidence on the Victims, Witnesses and Justice Reform (Scotland) Bill on 27 September, members were provided with links to the submissions the Committee has received on the Bill.

2. Since the last update paper on 22 November, several further additional submissions have been received by the Committee. A revised spreadsheet of submissions is attached below. New submissions received since 22 November are highlighted in **yellow** in the annex to this paper, for members information. They are from-

#### Organisations

Scottish Solicitors Bar Association

#### Named individuals

Dr Lewis Ross – London School of Economics.

Dr Stuart Waiton – Abertay University.

3. The Finance and Public Administration Committee [wrote to the Committee](#) on 2 November 2023 regarding their consideration of the Financial Memorandum for the Bill.

4. On 27 October 2023, the Cabinet Secretary also received a [letter](#) from the Delegated Powers and Law Reform (DPLR) Committee, setting out various questions as part of their scrutiny of the Bill. The DPLR Committee is awaiting a response.

5. On Wednesday 6 December 2023, the Criminal Justice Committee undertook an informal meeting with survivors of rape and sexual assault to hear their views on the provisions of the Bill. An anonymised transcript of the discussion will be published online in due course.

6. On Tuesday 16 January 2024, Members of the Criminal Justice Committee met informally with members of families of victims whose lives were taken during a

criminal act. An anonymised note of the key issues emerging from this discussion will be published online in due course.

7. The Committee has also received various items of follow up or supplementary information from various witnesses on issues which arose during their oral evidence sessions with the Committee. Those received to date are-

- [Scottish Refugee Council](#)
- Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs - [Audit of Previously Passed Legislation](#)
- Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs - [Updates on previously passed legislation](#)
- Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs – [Financial Memorandum costs on Sexual Offences Court and Trauma-informed practice.](#)
- Law Society of Scotland on [data relating to criminal proceedings in Scotland: 2020-2021 and criminal proceedings in England.](#)
- Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs – [follow up to questions from oral evidence on Parts 1 – 3 of the Bill.](#)
- Professor James Chalmers, Eamon Keane, Professor Fiona Leverick and Declan McLean, University of Glasgow School of Law [on a history and comparative examples of majority verdicts in Scottish jury trials.](#)
- Prof. James Chalmers [on time limited pilot for single judge rape trials.](#)

8. Further supplementary written evidence from witnesses who gave oral evidence to the Committee in December 2023 and January 2024 has yet to be received and will be published in due course.

**Criminal Justice Committee clerks  
2 February 2024**

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Submissions from Organisation (54)
<a href="#">Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership - Criminal Justice Social Work Service, Kathleen Mowat</a>
<a href="#">Action for Children Scotland, Ryan McQuigg</a>
<a href="#">Al Furqan Mosque, Dr Hirron Fernando</a>
<a href="#">Barnardo's Scotland</a>
<a href="#">Beira's Place, Isabelle Kerr</a>
<a href="#">Brake, Lucy Straker</a>
<a href="#">British Psychological Society</a>
<a href="#">British Transport Police, Mantvydas Ragauskas</a>
<a href="#">Children 1st, Lily Humphreys</a>
<a href="#">Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland</a>
<a href="#">Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum (CJVSF), Eilidh Shearer</a>
<a href="#">Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS)</a>
<a href="#">Dumfries and Galloway Council, Catherine Knipe</a>
<a href="#">Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre, Melody McIndoe</a>
<a href="#">Equality and Human Rights Commission, Martin Hayward</a>
<a href="#">Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee, Linda Rodgers</a>
<a href="#">Faculty of Advocates</a>
<a href="#">Faculty of Advocates Criminal Bar Association</a>
<a href="#">Families Outside, Sarah Rogers</a>
<a href="#">HM Inspectorate of Prosecution in Scotland, Laura Paton</a>
<a href="#">Hourglass, Danny Tatlow</a>
<a href="#">JUSTICE Scotland</a>
<a href="#">Law Society of Scotland, Law Society of Scotland</a>
<a href="#">Manda Centre, The</a>
<a href="#">Moray VAWG Partnership, Emma Plant</a>
<a href="#">NHS Education for Scotland, Judy Thomson</a>
<a href="#">NSPCC Scotland</a>

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<a href="#">The Open University in Scotland, Keith Robson</a>
<a href="#">The Parole Board for Scotland, Colin Spivey</a>
<a href="#">Police Scotland</a>
<a href="#">Rape Crisis Scotland, Rape Crisis Scotland</a>
<a href="#">RASASH, Dawn Kotschujew</a>
<a href="#">Risk Management Authority (RMA), Mark McSherry (Chief Executive)</a>
<a href="#">SafeTime Peer Support Group</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Children's Reporter Administration</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Community Safety Network, Kevin Chase</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission, Daniel Fenn</a>
<a href="#">Scottish National Congress Steering Committee, Iain Lawson</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Police Federation, David Kennedy</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Prison Service</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Solicitors Bar Association</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Women's Aid, Louise Johnson</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Women's Convention (SWC), Eilidh Young</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Women's Rights Centre (SWRC), Sabrina Galella</a>
<a href="#">Scottish Youth Parliament</a>
<a href="#">Sheriffs &amp; Summary Sheriffs' Association, Sheriff Wendy Sheehan</a>
<a href="#">Sheriffs Principal, Sheriff Principal D C W Pyle</a>
<a href="#">Social Work Scotland</a>
<a href="#">Stirling Council, Stirling Council</a>
<a href="#">Supreme Courts of Scotland - Senators of the College of Justice</a>
<a href="#">University of Manchester, UK, Dr Ruth Lamont</a>
<a href="#">Victim Support Scotland</a>
<a href="#">VOCFS-Victims Organisations Collaboration Forum for Scotland</a>

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Submissions from names individuals who indicated what organisations they work for/are a part of (7)	Links
Break the Silence	<a href="#">Lynn Burns</a>
1 Pension Administrators Ltd	<a href="#">1 Pension Administrators Ltd, John Robson</a>
Glasgow Caledonian University - The Campaign for Complainer Anonymity	<a href="#">Tickell, Dr Andrew and Stevenson-McCabe, Seonaid</a>
<b>London School of Economics</b>	<a href="#">Dr Lewis Ross</a>
Rape Crisis (Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Perth & Kinross)	<a href="#">Emily Stewart</a>
<b>University of Abertay</b>	<a href="#">Dr Stuart Waiton</a>
University of Stirling	<a href="#">University of Stirling, Dr. Tom Kane</a>

Submissions from anonymous individuals who indicated what organisations they work for/are a part of (2)	Links
Expert Witness Services	<a href="#">Expert Witness Services</a>
Glasgow Pensioners for Independence	<a href="#">Glasgow Pensioners for Independence</a>

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Named individuals who made a response (107)
<a href="#">Adrian C Grant</a>
<a href="#">Alan D Hannan</a>
<a href="#">Alan Davis</a>
<a href="#">Alastair Fleck</a>
<a href="#">Alex Thornburn</a>
<a href="#">Alison Rollo</a>
<a href="#">Angie Gibson</a>
<a href="#">Angus Anderson</a>
<a href="#">Anisha Yaseen</a>
<a href="#">Ann Forbes</a>
<a href="#">Ann Rayner</a>
<a href="#">Anneli Carroll</a>
<a href="#">Basil (Vassilis) Manoussos</a>
<a href="#">Bill Whyte (Emeritus Professor of Social Work Studies in Criminal and Youth Justice University of Edinburgh)</a>
<a href="#">Bob Thomson</a>
<a href="#">Brian Carroll</a>
<a href="#">Brian Watson</a>
<a href="#">Caroline Gourlay</a>
<a href="#">Chris Terrell</a>
<a href="#">Colin Clark</a>
<a href="#">Colin Duncan</a>
<a href="#">Colin Grant</a>

<a href="#">Colin Robison</a>
<a href="#">Councillor Sandra Macdonald</a>
<a href="#">Craig MacAonghais</a>
<a href="#">Dave Llewellyn</a>
<a href="#">David Albiston</a>
<a href="#">David Holden</a>
<a href="#">David Lorimer</a>
<a href="#">David Taylor</a>
<a href="#">Denny McCabe</a>
<a href="#">Derek Rogers</a>
<a href="#">Donald Coutts</a>
<a href="#">Dr Daniel Wilkes</a>
<a href="#">Dr J H R Calder</a>
<a href="#">Dr John Wedderburn</a>
<a href="#">Duffy family</a>
<a href="#">Duncan McNeil</a>
<a href="#">Duncan Strachan</a>
<a href="#">DW Buchan</a>
<a href="#">Edith Joan Davidson</a>
<a href="#">Elaine Colley</a>
<a href="#">Elsie Reid</a>
<a href="#">Emily Stewart</a>
<a href="#">Fiona Nicholson</a>
<a href="#">Frank ROBERTS</a>
<a href="#">Geoff Bush</a>
<a href="#">George Caldow</a>
<a href="#">Gordon Keane</a>

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<a href="#">Gordon Martin</a>
<a href="#">Graham Fulton Russell, Emeritus Justice of the Peace</a>
<a href="#">Graham Taylor</a>
<a href="#">Harry Johnson</a>
<a href="#">Iain Crichton</a>
<a href="#">Ian Brotherhood</a>
<a href="#">ian foulds</a>
<a href="#">Ian Rae</a>
<a href="#">Ian Whyte</a>
<a href="#">james carson</a>
<a href="#">James Wands</a>
<a href="#">Jan Cowan</a>
<a href="#">Jennie Kermode</a>
<a href="#">Jock Wishart</a>
<a href="#">John Brown</a>
<a href="#">John Burke Friel</a>
<a href="#">John Love</a>
<a href="#">Kathryn Ramsay</a>
<a href="#">Keith Brown</a>
<a href="#">KEVIN WOODBURN</a>
<a href="#">Kirstie Banerji</a>
<a href="#">Kirsty Noble</a>
<a href="#">Lesley McDade (Part 1)</a> <a href="#">Lesley McDade (Part 2)</a>
<a href="#">lesley mclarty</a>
<a href="#">Lillian Slater</a>
<a href="#">Lloyd Quinan</a>
<a href="#">Margaret Brown</a>

<a href="#">Matthew Young</a>
<a href="#">Mennie, W Patrick</a>
<a href="#">Michael Dubar</a>
<a href="#">Michael Loftus</a>
<a href="#">Mo Workman</a>
<a href="#">Mr Francis Donnelly</a>
<a href="#">Neil McIntyre</a>
<a href="#">Phil Riddel</a>
<a href="#">Pippa Plevin</a>
<a href="#">Professor James Chalmers, Eamon Keane, Professor Fiona Leverick and Professor Vanessa E Munro</a>
<a href="#">Raymond Lorimer</a>
<a href="#">Robert Hughes</a>
<a href="#">Ron Murray</a>
<a href="#">Ron Strathdee</a>
<a href="#">Ronald James MBE</a>
<a href="#">Ronald Melville</a>
<a href="#">S Mackenzie</a>
<a href="#">Sandy Brindley</a>
<a href="#">sarah mckechnie</a>
<a href="#">Sheriff Douglas Cusine [Updated], Sheriff TAK Drummond KC, Alistair Bonnington, Douglas Mill</a>
<a href="#">Sonja ross</a>
<a href="#">Stephanie Morrison</a>
<a href="#">Stephen Barty</a>
<a href="#">Stephanie Taylor</a>
<a href="#">Stephen Duncan</a>

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<a href="#">Terence Callachan</a>
<a href="#">Tom Urquhart</a>
<a href="#">Topher Dawson</a>
<a href="#">Valerie Strathdee</a>
<a href="#">W A Dale</a>
<a href="#">William Gorman</a>

Individuals who made an anonymous submission (92)
<a href="#">Response 1018528330</a>
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<a href="#">Response 1037145820</a>
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<a href="#">Response 116585675</a>
<a href="#">Response 126707792</a>
<a href="#">Response 150766989</a>
<a href="#">Response 151090274</a>
<a href="#">Response 174303514</a>
<a href="#">Response 177696927</a>
<a href="#">Response 179923612</a>
<a href="#">Response 180988333</a>
<a href="#">Response 183504293</a>
<a href="#">Response 189267249</a>
<a href="#">Response 2050476</a>
<a href="#">Response 250620655</a>
<a href="#">Response 266674426</a>
<a href="#">Response 2751650</a>
<a href="#">Response 282546833</a>

<a href="#">Response 284897347</a>
<a href="#">Response 285630326</a>
<a href="#">Response 29017641</a>
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