Scottish Parliament

Criminal Justice Committee

Tuesday 25 November 2025

[The Convener opened the meeting at 00:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

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Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill

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Petitions

Trespassers (PE2060)

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For

Bibby, Neil (West Scotland) (Lab) Clark, Katy (West Scotland) (Lab) Dowey, Sharon (South Scotland) (Con)

Against

Mackay, Rona (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP) Matheson, Michael (Falkirk West) (SNP) McNeill, Pauline (Glasgow) (Lab)

Abstentions

Hepburn, Jamie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP) Kerr, Liam (North East Scotland) (Con) **The Convener:** Good morning, and a warm welcome to the 20th meeting in 2025 of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee. Our first agenda item is to take evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture on the Scottish Government's humanitarian response to Gaza. We are joined in the room by the cabinet secretary, Angus Robertson, along with Joanna Keating, head of international development; Alice Guinan, humanitarian and conflict lead; and Stuart Adam, head of Asia team, international relations, from the Scottish Government. We welcome you all to the committee. Cabinet secretary, would you like to make an opening statement?

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