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23rd Meeting 2025, Session 6

CONVENER

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

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*Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Sharon Dowe (South Scotland) (Con)

Jamie Hepburn (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)

*Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

*Rona Mackay (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

*Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab)

*attended

THE FOLLOWING ALSO PARTICIPATED:

Dr Andrew Slater (Colleges Scotland)

Julie Harper (Colleges Scotland)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (Edinburgh Western) (LD)

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

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LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:00]

Decision on Taking Business in Private

The Convener (Audrey Nicoll): Good morning. The first item of business is a decision on taking business in private. Do members agree to take item 3 in private?

Members *indicated agreement.*

Antisocial Behaviour

09:00

The Convener: I am mindful that amendment 57 would add aspects that are not directly related to the legislation to the review of assisted dying legislation. Bringing in other matters may risk diluting the review process. I am also mindful that amendments 54 and 57 duplicate each other to a certain extent.

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The Convener: That concludes this evidence session.

Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

The Convener: The next item of business is stage 2 proceedings on the above bill.

Section 23—Guidance

Amendments 261 and 262 moved—[Miles Briggs]—and agreed to.

Amendment 263 moved—[Ross Greer]—and agreed to.

Amendment 264 moved—[Miles Briggs].

The Convener: The question is, that amendment 264 be agreed to. Are we agreed?

Members: No.

The Convener: There will be a division.

For

Bibby, Neil (West Scotland) (Lab)
Clark, Katy (West Scotland) (Lab)
McNeill, Pauline (Glasgow) (Lab)

Against

Dowey, Sharon (South Scotland) (Con)
Kerr, Liam (North East Scotland) (Con)

Abstentions

Hepburn, Jamie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)
MacGregor, Fulton (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)
Mackay, Rona (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)
Nicoll, Audrey (Aberdeen South and North Kincardine) (SNP)

The Convener: The result of the division is: For 3, Against 2, Abstentions 4.

Amendment 264 agreed to.

The Convener: I close the meeting.

Meeting closed at 09:10.

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