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23rd Meeting 2025, Session 6

CONVENER

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

DEPUTY CONVENER

*Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

*Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)

*Sharon Dowey (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:

Angela Constance (Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs)

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]

Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

The Convener (Audrey Nicoll): Good morning. The first item of business is stage 2 proceedings for the above bill.

Section 1—Provisions

The Convener: Group 1 is about something.

Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab): Amendment 1 does lots of things.

I move amendment 1

The Convener: The question is, that amendment 1 be agreed to. Are we agreed?

Members: No.

The Convener: There will be a division.

For

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

Against

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)

Abstentions

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

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

Amendment 1 disagreed to.

After section 1

Amendment 2 moved—[Liam Kerr]—and agreed to.

Section 2—More provisions

Amendment 3 not moved.

The Convener: That concludes the meeting.

Meeting closed at 09:05.

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