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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE **23rd Meeting 2025, Session 6**

CONVENER

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

DEPUTY CONVENER

Liam Kerr (North East Scotland) (Con)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Fulton MacGregor (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

Jamie Hepburn (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)

Katy Clark (West Scotland) (Lab)

Pauline McNeill (Glasgow) (Lab)

Rona Mackay (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

Sharon Dowey (South Scotland) (Con)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

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LOCATION

The Mary Fairfax Somerville Room (CR2)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 00:00]

Bail and Release from Custody (Scotland) Bill

The Convener (Audrey Nicoll): The question is, that amendment 1 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)
Dowey, Sharon (South Scotland) (Con)

Against

Hepburn, Jamie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)
Kerr, Liam (North East Scotland) (Con)
MacGregor, Fulton (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

Abstentions

Mackay, Rona (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)
Matheson, Michael (Falkirk West) (SNP)

The Convener: The result of the division is 3, 3, 2.

Amendment 1 agreed to.

The Convener: The next question is, that amendment 2 be agreed to. Are we agreed? No? There will be a division.

For

Bibby, Neil (West Scotland) (Lab)
Clark, Katy (West Scotland) (Lab)
Dowey, Sharon (South Scotland) (Con)
Hepburn, Jamie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)
Kerr, Liam (North East Scotland) (Con)
MacGregor, Fulton (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

Against

Mackay, Rona (Strathkelvin and Bearsden) (SNP)

Abstentions

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

The Convener: The result of the division is 6, 1, 1.

Amendment 2 agreed to.

The Convener: The next group is on the next subject. The next question is, that amendment 3 be agreed to. Are we agreed?

Stephen Kerr (Central Scotland) (Con): No.

The Convener: There will be a division.

For

Bibby, Neil (West Scotland) (Lab)
Clark, Katy (West Scotland) (Lab)
Dowey, Sharon (South Scotland) (Con)
Hepburn, Jamie (Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) (SNP)

Against

Kerr, Liam (North East Scotland) (Con)
MacGregor, Fulton (Coatbridge and Chryston) (SNP)

The Convener: The result is 4, 2.

Amendment 3 agreed to.

Meeting closed at 00:00.

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