

# Criminal Justice Committee

**7th Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday  
23 February 2022**

## **Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill**

### **Note by the clerk**

### **Introduction**

1. The Scottish Government's [Coronavirus \(Recovery and Reform\) \(Scotland\) Bill](#) was introduced on 25 January 2022.
2. The COVID-19 Recovery Committee is the lead committee on the Bill.
3. The Criminal Justice Committee is a secondary committee on the Bill and is going to be scrutinising the justice proposals in the Bill at Stage 1 of the Parliament's legislative process.
4. Although the remit of the Committee refers to criminal justice, the Committee will also be considering court measures that apply to both criminal and civil courts, and legal aid which is also a criminal and civil matter.
5. A [SPICe briefing has been published](#) on the provisions of the Bill on which the Committee will be taking evidence.

### **Participants**

6. The Committee will be holding two panels of evidence at the meeting on 23 February 2022.

#### Panel 1

- Dr Marsha Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Women's Aid; and
- Kate Wallace, Chief Executive Officer, Victim Support Scotland

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### Panel 2

- Emma Jardine, Policy and Public Affairs Adviser, Howard League Scotland;
- Teresa Medhurst, Interim Chief Executive and Allister Purdie, Interim Director of Operations, Scottish Prison Service.

## **Format**

7. Members of the Committee will be attending the meeting in person. The witnesses in panel 1 will be appearing virtually. The witnesses in panel 2 will be appearing in person in committee room 6.

**Clerks to the Committee**  
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