



Scottish Police Federation

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Joint Central Committee Legislation and Regulation Standing Committee

Ref: CS/DJK/LS

MINUTES

22 April 2015

1. Attendance

Graham Sloan	North Area Committee
David Hamilton	North Area Committee
Brian Jones	East Area Committee
Grant McDowall	East Area Committee
Malcolm Macdonald	West Area Committee
Martin Bertram	West Area Committee

Brian Docherty	Chairman
Calum Steele	General Secretary
David Kennedy	Deputy General Secretary
Peter Jones	H&S Secretary
David Ross	SPF Policy Coordinator
Lesley Stevenson	Business Administrator

Apologies were received from the Equality Secretary, the SPF Vice Chairman and Andrea MacDonald.

2. Opening of Meeting

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and by thanking them for attending.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minute of the last meeting had been circulated with JCC Circular 8 of 2015 and was approved.

4. Consideration of JCC Consultations

The Committee discussed the consultations on:

- Inquiries into Fatal Accidents & Sudden Deaths etc (S) Bill
- Equally Safe - Reforming the Criminal Law to Address Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences
- Apologies (S) Bill: call for written evidence
- Criminal Justice (S) Bill

In relation to stop/search members agreed that it was vital that the ability of the public to consent to cooperating with the police (in search if necessary) was maintained. The General Secretary said he was considering preparing a briefing document for politicians demonstrating how important this aspect of policing was. In addition he was considering holding a physical briefing for politicians where he may bring an operational officer experienced in that field. He asked members to send him examples of successful consensual searches by 1 May 2015.

Members also discussed body cameras, whether or not they were effective and the associated costs and wider issues.

5. Competent Business

There were no items.

6. Closure

Date of next meeting: 29 July 2015

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting and wished them a safe journey home.