

Criminal Justice Committee

2nd Meeting, 2022 (Session 6), Wednesday 19 January 2022

Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Amendment Rules (SSI 2021/446)

Note by the clerk

Introduction

1. The Committee considered the [Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions \(Scotland\) Amendment Rules \(SSI 2021/446\)](#) at its meeting of 12 January, taking evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, his officials and officials from the Scottish Prison Service.
2. The instrument amends the Prisons and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011. It was laid before the Parliament on 30 November and came into force on 13 December 2021.
3. The SSI sets out new powers, which will allow the Scottish Prison Service to routinely photocopy prisoner mail.
4. At the meeting, the Committee agreed to write follow-up letters to the Scottish Prison Service, the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans and Police Scotland.

Decision

5. The Committee has to decide today whether it wishes to make any recommendations to Parliament on the SSI. If it does not wish to do so, the provisions in the SSI will remain in force. If any member does not wish this to be so, the Committee will need to consider a motion to annul. Members will wish to be aware that the Parliament has until 22 January 2022 to decide whether the SSI should be annulled.

**Clerks to the Criminal Justice Committee
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