



MINUTES

Session 2026-27

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 10th Meeting, held at 10:30am on Wednesday, 2 September 2026

Present: Lord Anderson of Ipswich
Lord Bach
Baroness Berridge
Baroness Buscombe
Lord Dubs
Lord Empey
Lord Foster of Bath (Chair)
Lord Hogan-Howe
Baroness Hughes of Stretford
Lord Moraes
Lord Tope

1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Baroness Bertin.

2. Support for Jurors: Oral Evidence Session I

At 10:30am the Committee heard evidence from:

- Dr Hannah Fawcett, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Dr Matt Brooks, Senior Lecturer in Forensic Psychology, Manchester Metropolitan University

A full transcript was taken.

3. Support for Jurors: Written Evidence

The Committee accepted the following pieces of written evidence into the record:

- Written Evidence from Mr Ishtiaq Hussain (**SFJ0003**)
- Written Evidence from Dr Joe Poole (**SFJ0004**)
- Written Evidence from Dr Nicola Mallawan (**SFJ0005**)
- Written Evidence from Dr Hannah Fawcett (**SFJ0006**)
- Written Evidence from Dr Ijeoma Okpanum, Dr Ibiyemi Omeihe and Dr Kingsley Obi Omeihe (**SFJ0007**)
- Written Evidence from The Full Impact (**SFJ0008**)

4. Fire Safety in Prisons: Draft Letter

The Committee considered the chair's draft letter. It was agreed that it be a full report, rather than a letter, and that further considerations would take place.

5. Any other business

The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

6. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on Tuesday 8 September 2026 at 10:30am.

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