

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1458  
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY 28 October 2014**

Judicial Complaints Reviewer—

- When will the annual report covering the period 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013 will be available
- Has the annual report, in draft form, been passed to the Lord President? If so, on what date did this happen?

Lord President—

- What changes are planned to the rules about complaints against the judiciary and when will these be instructed?
- In relation to recusals, how many of these are voluntary recusals and how many have arisen as a result of representations made to the bench.

**TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014**

Scottish Government—

Lord President—

- Please comment on the issues raised by Moi Ali, the Judicial Complaints Reviewer, in her letter to the Committee dated 24 April 2014.

**TUESDAY 4 MARCH 2014**

Scottish Government—

- What are the Scottish Government's views on the evidence the Committee has gathered on this issue? Particularly, what is the Scottish Government's view on the argument that a register of interests would increase transparency and public trust in the judiciary?

Lord President—

- The Committee invites you to consider again whether the note of offices and interests held by those members of the judiciary who sit on the board of the Scottish Court Service (SCS) could be extended to cover all judicial office holders.
- Whether the judicial members of the SCS board have felt a negative impact on their ability to undertake their judicial duties as a result of having to register their interests under rule 2.4 of the SCS board's Standing Orders?

**TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Scottish Government—

- In light of the evidence that has been presented to the Committee on the issues raised by the petition, will you review the role of the Judicial Complaints Reviewer and the powers and resources available to her?

Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service—  
Scottish Court Service—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- What issues, if any, have there been in relation to operating a register of interests for those people within your organisation?

### **TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013**

Dr Kennedy Graham MP, New Zealand Parliament—

- What is your view, and the reasons for it, on what the petition seeks?
- Can you provide an insight as to why the deadline by which the New Zealand Justice and Electoral Committee must report on your Bill was extended to 25 February 2014?

### **TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013**

Judicial Appointments Board for Scotland—  
Judicial Complaints Reviewer—

- What is your view, and the reasons for it, on what the petition seeks?
- How effective are the systems currently in place that deal with such interests of members of the Judiciary in Scotland?

### **TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2013**

Lord President—  
Law Society of Scotland—  
Faculty of Advocates—  
Scottish Government—

- What is your view, and the reasons for it, on what the petition seeks?
- How effective are the systems currently in place that deal with such interests of members of the Judiciary in Scotland?