



## PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

12th Meeting, 2018 (Session 5)

Thursday 28 June 2018

Present:

Maurice Corry (Committee Substitute)	Rachael Hamilton
Johann Lamont (Convener)	Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)
Rona Mackay	

Also present: Emma Harper (PE1619, PE1610 and PE1657), Finlay Carson (PE1610 and PE1657) and Mark Ruskell (PE1664)

Apologies were received from Brian Whittle.

The meeting opened at 9.16 am.

1. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee considered the following new petitions—

[PE1692](#) by Lesley Scott and Alison Preuss on behalf of Tymes Trust and Scottish Home Education Forum on Inquiry into the human rights impact of GIRFEC policy and data processing; and took evidence from Lesley Scott, Tymes Trust Scottish Officer and Alison Preuss, Scottish Home Education Forum. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and the Information Commissioner's Office.

[PE1691](#) by Christopher R Hampton on behalf of Steering Group of Bowman's View on Review of the Title Conditions (Scotland) Act 2003. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Scottish Law Commission and the Law Society of Scotland.

[PE1697](#) by Michael McGuire on Child Funeral Fund. The Committee agreed to close the petition under Standing Orders Rule 15.7 on the basis that the petitioner has indicated that he wishes to withdraw the petition.

2. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee considered the following continued petitions—

[PE1619](#) by Stuart Knox on Access to Continuous Glucose Monitoring; and took evidence from Professor Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director, Gillian Gunn, Team Leader Diabetes, Heart Disease, Stroke, and Richard Shearer, Senior Policy Officer, Strategy Planning and Clinical Priorities Team, Healthcare Quality and Improvement Directorate, Scottish Government. The Committee agreed to reflect at a future meeting on the evidence heard and invite the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to provide evidence at a future meeting.

[PE1480](#) by Amanda Kopel on behalf of The Frank Kopel Alzheimer's Awareness Campaign on Alzheimer's and dementia awareness / [PE1533](#) by Jeff Adamson on behalf of Scotland Against the Care Tax on Abolition of non-residential social care charges for older and disabled people. The Committee agreed to close PE1480 under Standing Orders Rule 15.7 on the basis that the Health and Sport Committee has recently approved regulations which address the action called for in this petition. It also agreed to write to the Scottish Government in relation to PE1533.

[PE1610](#) by Matt Halliday on Upgrade the A75 / [PE1657](#) by Donald McHarrie on behalf of A77 Action Group on A77 upgrade. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and to hold a round-table discussion with relevant stakeholders at a future meeting.

[PE1629](#) by Jennifer Lewis on MRI scans for Ocular Melanoma sufferers in Scotland. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to provide evidence at a future meeting.

[PE1664](#) by Harry Huyton on behalf of OneKind on Greater protection for mountain hares. The Committee agreed to refer the petition to the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee under Standing Order Rule 15.6.2 for consideration as part of its work on biodiversity in relation to Grouse Moor Management.

[PE1683](#) by Jennifer Edmonstone on Support for families with multiple births. The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Childcare and Early Years and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Security. It also agreed to seek the views of the Scottish Government on social security and funding aspects of submissions.

[PE1680](#) by Angela Flanagan on Private Water Supplies in Scotland. The Committee agreed to close the petition under Standing Orders Rule 15.7 on the basis that there is no support from the Scottish Government for the action being called for in the petition.

The meeting closed at 11.11 am.

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