

## Petitioner submission of 5 September 2023

### PE2030/B: Review cultural funding arrangements to enable Scotland to contribute to the Venice Biennale in 2024

I wish to add the following for consideration along with my petition.

On the 5th September 2023, the First Minister, Humza Yousaf, announced in the Programme for Government that the Government “values the role of culture not just for the substantial economic impact it has but also for the incredible joy that it brings to people in Scotland and around the world.”

The First Minister’s statement asserted that the Scottish Government would promote culture in Scotland, with details of future support to be included in the budget, in clear recognition of the economic and cultural benefits this would bring.

With the First Minister’s statement in mind, I would urge the Committee to focus on the benefit of that contribution and impact for Scottish culture and arts to have a presence on the international stage that is the Venice Biennale 2024.

A whole sector represented in this international exhibition that is recognised by the world as a key cultural artistic gathering.