

PE2098/C: Provide essential investment in the Gaelic language to secure its future

Scottish Government written submission, 29 April 2025

First, let me apologise for the delay in providing a response. At a meeting of the Civil Participation and Public Petitions Committee it was noted that a six month extension had been granted to the Gaelic Officers' Scheme and the Committee requested an update on this matter. The Scottish Government has now provided an update on this matter.

Following the six month extension to the Gaelic Officers' scheme the Scottish Government then provided further funding to ensure the Scheme was able to continue until the end of financial year 2024-25. The Scottish Government provided Bòrd na Gàidhlig with a further £510k to support the Gaelic Officers' Scheme in 2025-26. This allocation of £510k was part of a £5.7m uplift for Gaelic which was included in the Scottish Government's budget for 25-26.

I hope this information is clear and helpful and demonstrates the importance which the Scottish Government attaches to Gaelic projects that operate at a community level. If anything else is needed, please don't hesitate to make contact