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Dear Eric

### **Petition PE1787 on The Use of Makaton Sign Language in the Legal System**

At its meeting on [28 February 2023](#) the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee considered public petition PE1787 on The Use of Makaton Sign Language in the Legal System. At that meeting the Committee agreed to write to your organisation for any information it holds in relation to the number of requests you may have received over the past 18 months for the provision of Makaton interpreters.

Further to this, the Committee paid a visit to the Health and Education of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland for Children with Additional Support Needs, where we heard that the bank of interpreters is relatively limited, particularly of those who are experienced in Makaton. We would welcome any comments you may have on this and whether that impacts the provision of the service.

The Committee expects to revisit its consideration of the petition after the Parliament's summer recess. We would therefore welcome a response by **Friday 18 August**, which we hope gives you sufficient time to source the relevant information or data.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener  
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee