

Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body

Thursday 10 September 2026 (Session 7)

Response to the Public Petitions Committee

Executive summary

1. The Public Petitions Committee (PPC) has written to the SPCB seeking an initial response to PE2234: Reduce MSP Salaries to the Median Scottish Full-time Income.
2. A draft response is attached at Annex A. The SPCB is invited to consider and agree the response.

Issues and options

3. The PPC has received [PE2234: Reduce MSP Salaries to the Median Scottish Full-time Income](#). For the vast majority of Petitions, the petitioner calls on the Scottish Parliament to ask the Scottish Government or another body to take action. But, occasionally, Petitions call for action by the Scottish Parliament itself. Sometimes, these fall within the remit of the SPCB.
4. A draft response is attached at Annex A.
5. As this is the first such Petition this session, it has been brought to a meeting of the SPCB, to allow for questions and discussion. The SPCB may wish to agree to consider future petitions by correspondence.

Governance

6. There are no governance issues raised.

Resource implications

7. There are no resource implications arising from this paper.

Publication Scheme

8. This paper can be published, after the PPC has published the response.

Next steps

9. Assuming the SPCB agrees the response, it will be sent to the PPC and considered at a future meeting of the Committee.

Decision

10. The SPCB is invited to:

REFERENCE: SPCB (2026) - Paper 58

- a. Consider and agree the draft response at Annex A.
- b. Consider whether to consider future petitions via correspondence.

Directorate of Finance and Resilience

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