LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

CALL FOR VIEWS ON THE NON-DOMESTIC RATES (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM COLIN GRAY

As someone who benefits from a bursary at an independent school, I am deeply concerned that the proposals to remove rates relief will result in the reduction in bursary support that is available in future years.

Without bursary support our two children would not otherwise be able to attend an independent school, and would then transfer to state-funded schools, placing an additional burden on the taxpayer-funded education system.

I am concerned that evidence suggests the additional cost to the Scottish taxpayer of locating independent school children in state schools is more than the entire rates increase proposed by the Bill.