LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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

SUBMISSION FROM NIGEL GALLIER

I am a teacher at an independent school in Scotland and know that local community children will be adversely affected if the school has to pay the full non-domestic rates bill. I currently give time freely to academic clinics for local schoolchildren not at the school I am employed by, the schoolchildren come because they have direct access to specialist science teachers and a range of practical equipment that their own schools do not have. I also, freely, assist with sports coaching camps for local community children. This is also something local children do have access to, particularly hockey and cricket. Finally as a CCF Officer I am regularly involved in exercises with the local ACF

If the school rates bill increased significantly then the school would have to start charging the local community for the three kinds of activity I have outlined above, currently offered without charge. This charging arrangement would adversely affect the local community children.