LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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

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It is a fundamentally flawed decision to make certain charities liable to Non-Domestic rates and this increase in operating costs will have a material impact on the 56 independent education establishments targeted by this Bill.

If people are pushed out of the independent education market place then the increase in resources needed by the State Education System will far outweigh any benefit from additional Non domestic rates income. In addition the private schools affected will undoubtedly need to cut back their bursaries and charitable works as their profits will be significantly reduced.

Introducing this bill is clearly detrimental to Scotland and its people.