LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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

SUBMISSION FROM ANONYMOUS

I would like to ask you to not remove eligibility to claim charitable relief from non-domestic rates from mainstream independent schools.

All my grandchildren went to Strathallan School and I still have two grandchildren there at the moment.

The implementation of this key recommendation in section 10 of the Barclay Review would have serious consequences for Strathallan School, leading to an increase in school fees, which inevitably will lead to a loss in pupil numbers and loss in employment. The loss of pupils in the independent sector will also lead to an additional cost to the tax payer with an increase of pupils in state schools, an increase in number of teachers, classroom sizes, etc.

No other Scottish charities have been subjected to the collective public benefit test. Only 56 out of over 24,000 Scotland registered bodies have been subjected to it.

Please reconsider and do not remove eligibility to claim charitable relief from non-domestic rates from mainstream independent schools.