LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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

SUBMISSION FROM ANONYMOUS

I am a mum to two boys, 3 years old and 7 years old. My 7 years old just started independent school this year from P3, and my 3 years old is with council school nursery. I am not an elite, or rich. Me and my husband work very hard running a small business. We pay keep-increasing hourly rate to our employee, our business income tax, personal income tax, non domestic rate for our business and council tax for our household. We got hit by the e-commerce, who don’t need to pay any non domestic rate, like other local shops. We couldn’t afford a house in a good state school catchment area, we are struggling minimise all other household cost, just try to get enough money left for our son’s private education. Because we know education is the only possible way for him to become better than us, to use his brain rather than pure labour to earn money. He have experienced bullying and not friendly teachers in his first two years primary school. It was a hard decision on our family’s finance to move him to an independent school, please keep this option affordable to us, don’t charge them non domestic rate.