LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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

SUBMISSION FROM WILLIAM COLQUHOUN

I am a father of three children who serves in the military. In order to provide Continuity of Education for our children we have chosen to use the independent Boarding School System. This has enabled our children to maintain consistency in their education despite 14 family house moves within as many years throughout Europe. The Scottish Independent Boarding School system is a national asset which needs to be protected. Removing mandatory non-domestic rates relief will ultimately force some schools to close or price families like mine out of the market. This would be to the detriment of Scots, like me, whose employment takes them abroad routinely; and to the detriment of Scotland as a whole.