LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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

SUBMISSION FROM ANONYMOUS

I feel that this bill will bring an unfair financial burden not only to the independent schools but to the local authorities as well, this decision will have far reaching financial implications for both the school and the added cost to the council for children having to change schools.

In the day and age we live in it is a misconception that all children from independent schools are from wealthy families, there are many ordinary families that have made an informed choice about how and where their child is educated and with the financial assistance that bursary’s provide it allows them to have that choice, they have a complete inclusion policy for students with additional needs, as a parent that has experience with both education settings I think that any rise in fees and possible restrictions on bursary’s that this could bring would be unfair to the individual students concerned, they do not get the same vat relief that other schools get and it is such a small number of schools that I don’t feel the financial gain for the government is worth the negative impact it could have on the school students and wider community, I think that it has been underestimated about the amount of inclusion that the school and its community have and how they help fund raise and take a very proactive role within the community they are imbedded in, both our town and school are very closely entwined and both benefit from each other.

I have read the information and feel that the cost to the education system as a whole will be far greater than any income the change in rates will produce, I genuinely believe that they should leave the rates as they are as.