LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
CALL FOR VIEWS ON THE NON-DOMESTIC RATES (SCOTLAND) BILL

SUBMISSION FROM ANONYMOUS

I am a parent with my daughter in an independent school. My daughter has been in this school for over 2 years now under full bursary awarded. There is no way I would have been able to afford this on my salary. Removing this eligibility from the school will force the school to increase its fees (which will be very difficult for the average parents who have made sacrifices that their counterparts in public schools do not) and ultimately stop bursary allocations which will affect people like my family and affect my daughter psychologically. Also, please bear in mind that whatever will be gained by stopping this eligibility from independent schools will be spent on my daughter’s education if am forced to withdraw her from the school as the taxpayer will then have to take over the cost of her schooling from then on.

Also, I do not understand why the independent schools have been targeted out of the 24,000 registered charities in Scotland. My daughter’s school is recognised as a charitable organisation as it has passed the test set by the Scottish Charity Regulator.

Please as you deliberate and take a position on this review, remember that a lot of families will be affected if the schools are forced to increase their fees and lots of children will be affected by the sudden and abrupt intrusion into their education and more liabilities will be borne by the taxpayers in the long run.