



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

4th Meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Tuesday 2 March 2010

The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1.

1. **Consideration of current petition: The Committee will consider the following current petition-**

PE1189 Standards of social rented housing. The Committee will take evidence from—

Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Housing and Communities;
Councillor Steven Purcell, Leader of Glasgow City Council;
Tom Warren, Govanhill Residents Group;
Hamish Batty, Head of Planning and Implementation, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, SE Community Health Partnership; and
Anne Lear, Director, Govanhill Housing Association

2. **Consideration of current petition: The Committee will consider the following current petition-**

PE1236 A90/A937. The Committee will take evidence from—

Stewart Stevenson MSP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change;
Jim Richardson, Head of Transport Network Administration Team, Scottish Government;
Laurence Kenney, Strategic Transport Projects Review Projects Manager, PS/Transport Scotland; and
Hugh Gillies, Development Management and Strategic Road Safety Manager, PS/Transport Scotland

3. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

[PE1310](#) Amendment of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

- [PE1311](#) Support for amateur coaches
- [PE1312](#) Investigation into the 1949 Yangtze campaign medal awards system
- PE1313 Carry a knife - Go to jail
- PE1314 Ban the hot branding of all equines in Scotland

Not before 3.30pm

4. **Consideration of current petitions:** The Committee will consider the following current petitions—

- [PE1108](#) Availability of cancer treatment drugs
- [PE1171](#) Mandatory sentencing for knife crime
- [PE1202](#) Permitted development rights of port authorities
- [PE1239](#) Same sex marriage
- [PE1269](#) Right to same sex marriage and mixed civil partnership
- [PE1268](#) Asbestos management plan for schools
- [PE1270](#) Fair access to the community for all
- [PE1284](#) Class sizes and parental choice
- [PE1288](#) Improving NHS translation and interpretation services
- [PE1294](#) Safe guardian law
- [PE1296](#) NHS availability of Low Dose Naltrexone

5. **Notification of new petitions:** The Committee will consider a paper indicating new petitions lodged since the last Committee meeting.

Fergus Cochrane
Clerk to the Public Petitions Committee
Room TG.01
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
Tel: 0131 348 5186
fergus.cochrane@scottish.government.uk

The papers for this meeting are as follows—

Item 1 – Consideration of current petition PE1189

No paper

Item 2 – Consideration of current petition PE1236

No paper

Item 3 - Consideration of new petitions

[PE/S3/10/4/1](#)

Item 4 – Consideration of current petitions

[PE/S3/10/4/2](#)

Item 5 - Notification of new petitions

[PE/S3/10/4/3](#)



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

4th meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Tuesday 2 March 2010

Consideration of new petitions

The Committee is invited to consider the following new petitions—

[PE1310](#) Petition by Jean Gerrard calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 to abolish the over-use of Compulsory Treatment Orders for non-violent mentally ill patients and to provide a process which allows patients and their representatives to challenge any perceived errors in CTO report which can lead to misdiagnoses, faulty speculation and the administration of unwarranted forms of treatment.

[PE1311](#) Petition by Stephen Koeppinger calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review the arrangements which allow individuals who have undergone satisfactory police checks but who do not have a national governing body level 2 coaching certificate to access community resources (funding as well as sports facilities and equipment) in the same way as those who do have such a qualification in order to increase the breadth and number of coaches available to work with young people across the range of sports activities.

[PE1312](#) Petition by William Leitch Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make representations to the UK Government asking it to investigate the circumstances into the process for awarding medals to those involved in the 1949 Yangtze campaign and, in particular, whether this process was corrupted as a result of the exclusion of relevant and important documents relating to the role of HMS Concord in the Yangtze Campaign on 30 and 31 July 1949.

[PE1313](#) Petition by Kelly Anne McGee calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce mandatory minimum custodial sentencing for those caught carrying knives or other dangerous weapons in public except where there are exceptional circumstances relating to the carrying of a knife or other similar sharp implement.

[PE1314](#) Petition by Rebecca Stafford calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend immediately the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 and ban the hot branding of all equine animals.

Clerk to the Committee
24 February 2010



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

4th meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Tuesday 2 March 2010

Consideration of current petitions

The Committee is invited to consider the following current petitions and written submissions received—

[PE1189](#) Petition by Anne Lear, on behalf of Govanhill Housing Association, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to conduct an inquiry into the responsibilities of private landlords, the levels of social housing below tolerable standard, and the impact 'slum' living conditions has on the health and wellbeing of both residents and the wider community, and whether such conditions should merit housing renewal area status and additional Scottish Government funding.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1189/M: Scottish Government letter of 1 December 2009

PE1189/N: Scottish Government letter of 23 February 2010

[PE1236](#) Petition by Jill Campbell calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to improve safety measures on the A90 by constructing a grade separated junction where the A937 crosses the A90 at Laurencekirk.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1236/G: Transport Scotland letter of 30 December 2009

PE1236/H: Mike Rumbles MSP letter of 14 January 2010

PE1236/I: Petitioner's letter of 9 February 2010

[PE1108](#) Petition by Tina McGeever, on behalf of Mike Gray, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to consider the provision, on the NHS, of cancer treatment drugs, in particular cetuximab, to ensure equity across NHS boards on the appropriateness, effectiveness and availability of such treatments.

[Written submissions](#)

[PE1108/V: Scottish Government letter of 25 January 2010](#)

[PE1171](#) Petition by John C Muir calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce mandatory sentencing for persons found carrying knives or other dangerous weapons in public

[Written submissions](#)

PE1171/L: Scottish Government letter of 22 December 2009

[PE1202](#) Petition by Joyce MacDonald calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to remove the general permitted development rights of port authorities

[Written submissions](#)

PE1202/I: Scottish Government letter of 1 February 2010

PE1202/J: Petitioner's letter of 8 February 2010

[PE1239](#) Petition by Nick Henderson, on behalf of LGBT Network, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977 to allow two persons of the same sex to register a civil marriage and a religious marriage if the relevant religious body consents.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1239/P: Scottish Government letter of 18 December 2009

PE1239/Q: Petitioner letter of 28 January 2010

[PE1269](#) Petition by Tom French, on behalf of the Equal Marriage Campaign, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend legislation to allow same-sex marriage and mixed-sex civil partnership.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1269/B: Scottish Government letter of 18 December 2009

[PE1268](#) Petition by Catherine Mitchell on behalf of St. Gilbert primary school and all schools in the west of Scotland calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to take action against those local authorities who have failed to implement a robust asbestos management plan and procedures for school buildings containing asbestos and ensure that parents and teachers who require data about asbestos in school buildings held by local authorities have full access to this.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1268/F: Health and Safety Executive letter of 15 December 2009

PE1268/G: Glasgow City Council letter of 24 December 2009

PE1268/H: Scottish Government letter of 30 December 2009

[PE1270](#) Petition by Linda Burke on behalf of PAMIS and the Learning Disability Alliance Scotland, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to request that local authorities use British Standard 8300:2009 to ensure that at least one public toilet built to the Changing Places standard is provided within the centre of each town with a population greater

than 15,000 and within each new larger and publicly accessible building and complex.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1270/H: COSLA letter of 6 January 2010

PE1270/I: Scottish Government letter of 15 January 2010

PE1270/J: Petitioner letter of 10 February 2010

[PE1284](#) Petition by Graham Simpson calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to note the successful outcome of a number of legal cases brought by parents against local authorities involving placing requests for children and for it, and councils, to desist from applying any policy on class sizes which conflicts with the numbers stipulated by law and the statutory rights of parents under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 to choose the school they wish their children to attend.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1284/A: South Lanarkshire Council letter of 30 December 2009

PE1284/B: Scottish Parent Teacher Council letter of 7 January 2010

PE1284/C: Association of Directors of Education in Scotland letter of 11 January 2010

PE1284/D: Scottish Government letter of 12 January 2010

PE1284/E: City of Edinburgh Council letter of 14 January 2010

PE1284/F: East Renfrewshire Council letter of 21 January 2010

PE1284/G: Petitioner letter of 8 February 2010.

[PE1288](#) Petition by Dr Godfrey Joseph calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ensure that every NHS board has the structure, funding and capability to provide speedy, accurate and appropriate translation and interpretation services for patients and their families and that such services are consistent across every NHS board.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1288/A: NHS Grampian letter of 7 December 2009

PE1288/B: Welsh Assembly Government letter of 16 December 2009

PE1288/C: Equalities and Human Rights Commission letter of 6 January 2010

PE1288/D: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde letter of 24 December 2009

PE1288/E: Scottish Government letter of 8 January 2010

PE1288/F: Department of Health letter of 4 January 2010

PE1288/G: British Deaf Association letter of 19 January 2010

PE1288/H: Petitioner letter of 19 January 2010

[PE1294](#) Petition by Allan Petrie on behalf of the RealJustice4BrandonCampaign Group calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to implement a Safe Guardian law to allow family members to care for children who may be at risk.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1294/A: Scottish Government letter of 22 December 2009

PE1294/B: British Association for Adoption and Fostering

PE1294/C: Fostering Network Scotland letter of 11 January 2010

PE1294/D: Petitioner letter of 9 February 2010

[PE1296](#) Petition by Robert Thomson on behalf of LDN Now Scotland calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make Low Dose Naltrexone readily available on the NHS to auto-immune disease sufferers as well as other conditions not classified as auto-immune such as HIV/AIDS, cancer and fertility, in each NHS board area thereby reducing the danger of sufferers having to access riskier alternatives and also incurring higher costs by purchasing the drug through private medical providers and to provide guidance to all GPs on LDN protocol and require them to collect LDN clinical data.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1296/E: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence email of 7 December 2009

PE1296/F: NHS Lanarkshire letter of 15 December 2009

PE1296/G: Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain letter of 22 December 2009

PE1296/H: NHS Tayside letter of 23 December 2009

PE1296/I: Scottish Government letter of 24 December 2009

PE1296/J: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde letter of 5 January 2010

PE1296/K: Cancer Research UK letter of 6 January 2010

PE1296/L: National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease letter of 8 January 2010

PE1296/M: Bob Lawrence letter of 8 January 2010

PE1296/N: Prof. Jill P. Smith letter of 8 January 2010

PE1296/O: The Essential Health Clinic Ltd letter of 11 January 2010

PE1296/P: Alzheimer Scotland email of 12 January 2010

PE1296/Q: NHS Quality Improvement Scotland letter of 12 January 2010

PE1296/R: MS Society Scotland letter of 13 January 2010

PE1296/S: Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry email of 15 January 2010

PE1296/T: Petitioner letter of 11 February 2010.

**Clerk to the Committee
24 February 2010**



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

4th Meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Tuesday 2 March 2010

Notification of new petitions

1. The Committee is invited to note the following new petition lodged since the last Committee meeting on 9 February 2010—

PE1309 Petition by Farquhar MacBeath calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend relevant legislation to remove the protection given to sea eagles and other predators such as foxes, badgers and ravens in order to allow farmers and crofters, in certain situations, to kill such predators so as to protect their livestock from injury and death incurred by attack.

2. The Committee is invited to note the following new e-petition which has been posted on to the [e-petition site](#) since the last meeting on 9 February 2010—

Petition by Jacqueline Campbell calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to demonstrate how it will ensure the viability and future of dance teaching and coaching in schools and colleges across Scotland and through a national centre of excellence.

Clerk to the Committee
24 February 2010