



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

5th Meeting, 2010 (Session 3)

Monday 15 March 2010

The Committee will meet at 10.30 am in Waid Academy, St Andrews Road, Anstruther.

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

[PE1008](#) Accountant in Bankruptcy
[PE1175](#) A92 Upgrade
[PE1297](#) Ur Dutchas: Clan lands reclamation
[PE1299](#) Services for Myoclonic Dystonia sufferers
[PE1300](#) Scottish Water directors' bonuses
[PE1265](#) Small scale redundancy
[PE1274](#) Encouraging blood donations
[PE1275](#) Equity in funding for school visits
[PE1098](#) Mandatory fitting of seat belts on school buses
[PE1223](#) School bus safety
[PE1154](#) Amendment of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964
[PE1210](#) Enforcement of the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964

Not before 11.15 am

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

PE1317 Protecting the rights of school age workers. The Committee will take evidence from Paul Dryburgh and Ellen Cummings, Waid Academy

PE1318 Free access to public leisure facilities for all children. The Committee will take evidence from Ronan Buist, Megan Lumsden and Daniel Swaddle, Waid Academy.

[PE1316](#) Honest politicians

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

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The papers for this meeting are as follows—

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| Item 1 - Consideration of current petitions | PE/S3/10/5/1 |
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Consideration of current petitions

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

[PE1008](#) Petition by James Ward calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to review the operation of the Accountant in Bankruptcy, particularly in relation to the implementation of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, section 187(1).

[Written submissions](#)

PE1008/A: Scottish Government letter of 9 November 2007

PE1008/B: Accountant in Bankruptcy letter of 12 November 2007.

[PE1175](#) Petition by Dr Robert Grant, on behalf of Glenrothes Area Futures Group, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to immediately improve and upgrade the A92 trunk road, in particular between Prestonhall roundabout and Balfarg junction, to reduce the number of hazards and accidents and bring about improved benefits to the local and wider economy.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1175/L: Transport Scotland letter of 9 November 2010

[PE1297](#) Petition by Ranald Alasdair MacDonald of Keppoch calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to investigate Scottish land ownership and tenure under the 'Dutchas/Duthchaich' or 'native title' system of land tenure

[Written submissions](#)

PE1297/A: Andy Wightman letter of 14 January 2010

PE1297/B: Law Society of Scotland letter of 15 January 2010

PE1297/C: Scottish Government letter of 19 January 2010

PE1297/D: Registers of Scotland letter of 22 January 2010
PE1297/E: Scottish Land Court letter of 22 January 2010
PE1297/F: Petitioner letter of 10 February 2010
PE1297/G: Andy Wightman letter of 5 March 2010

[PE1299](#) Petition by Geraldine MacDonald calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to set national standards of care for all Myoclonic Dystonia sufferers and issue guidance to local authority social work/housing departments to ensure they provide adapted service provisions and environmental adaptations to the sufferers based on a fair assessment of their condition.

[Written Submissions](#)

PE1299/A: National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence letter of 4 January 2010
PE1299/B: Dystonia Society letter of 26 January 2010
PE1299/C: Argyll and Bute Council letter of 26 January 2010
PE1299/D: Social Work Inspection Agency letter of 26 January 2010
PE1299/E: Scottish Government letter of 26 January 2010
PE1299/F: Petitioner's letter of 26 February 2010
PE1299/G: Falkirk Council letter of 3 March 2010

[PE1300](#) Petition by Drew Cochrane calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to issue a direction to Scottish Water under the Water Industry (Scotland) Act 2002 to discontinue the practice of paying bonuses to its senior executives.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1300/A: Water Industry Commission for Scotland letter of 12 January 2010
PE1300/B: Scottish Water letter of 26 January 2010
PE1300/C: Waterwatch Scotland letter of 27 January 2010
PE1300/D: Scottish Government letter of 5 February 2010
PE1300/E: Petitioner email of 22 February 2010
PE1300/F: Scottish Water letter of 5 March 2010

[PE1265](#) Petition by Matthew Goundry calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to deliver the same level of responsiveness and support to those individuals who are part of small scale redundancy as those who face large scale redundancy.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1265/F: Scottish Government letter of 25 January 2010
PE1265/G: Petitioner email of 22 February 2010

[PE1274](#) Petition by Andrew Danet calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce a scheme to pay people each time they donate blood and to consider other measures to encourage more people to donate.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1274/E Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service letter of 26 January 2010
PR1274/F: Petitioner's letter of 5 March 2010

[PE1275](#) Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ensure that pupils at schools in remote area, such as in the Highlands, are not limited or prevented from visiting educational, cultural, study events in the central belt or lowlands and to demonstrate there is financial equity in terms of meeting the costs of these visits and that location does not limit opportunity.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1275/E: Scottish Qualifications Authority letter of 19 January 2010
PE1275/F: National Museums of Scotland letter of 17 January 2010
PE1275/G: Dynamic Earth letter of 25 January 2010
PE1275/H: Scottish Government letter of 26 January 2010
PE1275/I: National Galleries of Scotland letter of 1 March 2010

[PE1098](#) Petition by Lynn Merrifield, on behalf of Kingseat Community Council, calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make provision for every school bus to be installed with three point seatbelts for every school child passenger and to ensure that, as part of a local authority's consideration of 'Best Value' in relation to the provision of school buses, proper regard is given to the safety needs of the children.

[PE1223](#) Petition by Ron Beaty Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to take all appropriate action, whether through amending guidance, contracts, agreements or legislation, to require local authorities to install proper safety signage and lights on school buses, to be used only when school children are on the bus when necessary, and make overtaking a stationary school bus a criminal offence.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1098/Q & PE1223/M: Scottish Government letter of 21 January 2010
PE1098/R & PE1223/N: Department of Transport letter of 9 February 2010
PE1223/O: Petitioner letter of 1 March 2010
PE1098/S: Petitioner's letter of 4 March 2010

[PE1154](#) Petition by Mary McIlroy Hipwell calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964 to allow a person, in their will, to leave their whole estate to a surviving spouse or civil partner and to abolish the right of adult children to then claim on that estate

[PE1210](#) Petition by I Chambers calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ensure that the rights granted under the Succession (Scotland) Act 1964 are enforced and that any beneficiary who has been denied their rights due to non compliance with the Act are identified and compensated.

[Written submissions](#)

PE1154/F & PE1210/D: Scottish Government letter of 13 October 2009
PE1154/G & PE1210/E: Scottish Government letter of 9 December 2009

PE1154/H & PE1210/F: Scottish Government letter of 4 March 2010

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PE1317 Petition by Paul Dryburgh and Ellen Cummings calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to take the necessary action to ensure that the rights of school aged workers in part time employment are protected so that employers cannot impose excessive working hours to the detriment of the workers academic studies and bring about greater transparency in the distribution of tips to young workers in the hospitality trade.

PE1318 Petition by Ronan Buist, Megan Lumsden and Daniel Swaddle calling on the Scottish parliament to urge the Scottish Government to give free access to all publicly funded leisure centres, including swimming pools, for all school aged children across Scotland.

[PE1316](#) Petition by Matthew Goundry calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ensure that all individuals seeking election to local or national public office (i.e. council and Scottish Parliament) are subject to enhanced disclosure.

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Notification of new petitions

The Committee is invited to note the following new petition lodged since the last Committee meeting on 2 March 2010—

[PE1315](#) Petition by Stuart Housden on behalf of RSPB Scotland calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to increase its efforts to stop the illegal killing of birds of prey.

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