

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1369:
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(See 'Written submissions' for responses)**

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised by the petitioner in their latest response (PE1369/G)?
- Can you confirm when you will be publishing the consultation on regulations to make new duties under the new public sector equality duty as referred to in second last paragraph of your letter of 4 August 2011?

TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2011

Scottish Government—

- How many local authorities, community planning partners or other organisations have used VOiCE, developed for the Scottish Government by SCDC, on consulting and engaging with young people since the system was introduced in 2008?
- What information do you have on the use by local authorities of children's rights impact assessments as developed by SCCYP? Is the use of such promoted or encouraged in any way?
- Will you respond to the Committee's letter of 12 January seeking a response to PE1369/B? [*COSLA only*]

TUESDAY 11 JANUARY 2011—

Scottish Government

- What is your response to the first and third bullet questions posed by the petitioner in her 17 December letter (PE1369/B)

COSLA—

Scotland's Commissioner for Children and Young People—

- What is your response to the second (COSLA) and fourth (SCCYP) bullet point questions posed by the petitioner in her 17 December letter (PE1369/B).

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2010—

Scottish Government—

- Will you require local authorities, under the 'Power to advance well-being' provisions (Part three) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, to undertake impact assessments and specify how, when, with whom (and certainly community planning partners) and on what they

will consult when considering the provision of local leisure and cultural facilities and confirm that it will develop guidance to local authorities on this issue which would assist in achieving its National Outcome on young people as requested in the petition?

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Scottish Sports Association—

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