

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1403
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012

The Scottish Government—

- In the letter to the clerk of 3 February 2012, the Scottish Government advised that a process of engagement with stakeholders had begun to develop policy proposals for a Victims and Witnesses Bill and that as part of that process a consultation document will be issued. When do you anticipate that consultation document being published?
- What timescales are envisaged for bringing forward the proposed legislation?

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011

The Scottish Government—

- Further to the petitioner's recent response to the Committee (PE1403F) the Committee would the Scottish Government confirm that as part of its bill development process, that the proposal for a "single point of contact" will be evaluated?

ACPOS—

- Does ACPOS support the suggestion by the petitioner of a "single point of contact"?

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2011

The Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- What plans does the Scottish Government have with regard to services and / or support to victims of crime or their families and what is the timescale for bringing forward the Victims' Rights Bill?

Victim Support Scotland

PETAL (People Experiencing Trauma and Loss)

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Where are the gaps in legislative or service provision?

**The Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland
The Scottish Court Service**

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- In the petitioner's evidence to the Committee he was critical of certain aspects of the experience with the police and the courts. How do you respond to these criticisms?