

F.A.O. The Convenor,
Committee & clerks,
Public Petitions Committee
Scottish Parliament

Dear Sir,

Meeting of PPC, Tuesday, 12 November, 2013

With reference to Mr Hynd's invitation, on behalf of the committee, to attend and speak at the above meeting, I will be glad to attend and will bring a friend. That friend may be a member of Accountability Scotland who are supportive of my petition, or one of the legal academics who have signed in support. I am limited in who I can ask and would have liked to ask all of my supporters the question: "who would like to attend?", and then select the most suitable, but the clerks advise me that (unlike my previous petition where these e-mail address were provided) new UK Information Commissioner (ICO) guidelines do not allow the Scottish Parliament to give a petitioner the contact details of those who supports their petition. However, now that the Public Petitions Committee has accepted my petition I would again ask, via the Convenor, for my supporter's e-contact details?

Before the meeting I would like to bring several new matters to the committee's attention so that they can be considered as part of my petition.

1/ An item of additional information for consideration by the committee, namely an e-mail letter from the Norwegian Domstol, which confirms that not only does the Norwegian government still require their judges to declare membership of the freemasons, but that this requirement has been extended to include judges at their land courts. [LINK](#)

N.B. The original letter was given to a previous committee after my petition was closed, but it does not feature in the record for my earlier petition PE306. This is not an inconsequential error of fact, and it is, in part, precisely because of such unpublished submissions, unanswered questions, and omissions in the record of my earlier petition that I have petitioned the parliament afresh.

2/ A second item of additional information for consideration by the committee, namely a Guardian newspaper article dated, 5th November 2009, entitled "Jack Straw scraps rule saying judges must declare if they are masons." [LINK](#)

3/ I would like to place on record the fact that I respect the impartiality and authority of the Public Petitions Committee, but will appear under protest if Chic Brodie is part of that committee. This is because of his open contempt for, and hostility towards, me, which was displayed in his recent e-mail to me, a copy of which the full committee, substitutes and clerks have.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Minogue, petitioner PE01491