

**PE1524/O**

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**By E Mail**

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Dear Ned,

**CONSIDERATION OF PETITION [PE1524](#)**

*Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to issue a code of practice setting out a minimum standard for wifi connections provided by public authorities to members of the public; and to urge all Scottish public authorities to provide wifi connections that meet this standard in all their public buildings.*

Thank you for your letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 regarding The Public Petitions Committee's consideration of petition PE1524.

The Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2014-15, published on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014, included a new commitment to increasing the provision of free WI-FI in public buildings and identified funding of £1.5 million in order to support this programme. Scottish Futures Trust has been tasked with progressing this commitment as part of our broader ambitions to develop Scotland's digital infrastructure. I would anticipate that national standards and guidelines on this issue will be published in April this year and that these will underpin our approach to deploying our new investment.

I hope that the Committee finds this information useful. I would, of course, be more than happy to answer any further questions it might have around this topic.

Yours Sincerely,

Colin Cook