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Dear Lord Gill

### **PUBLIC PETITION [PE1458](#) ON A REGISTER OF INTERESTS FOR MEMBERS OF SCOTLANDS JUDICIARY**

Thank you for your letter of 2 April 2013 in response to mine of 20 March 2013 regarding the above Public Petition. As you know, the Public Petitions Committee considered your letter at its meeting on Tuesday. The Committee was grateful to you for sending your further response and for providing the reference to the Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption's (GRECO) Fourth Evaluation Round Report.

Notwithstanding your response, the Committee still feels it would assist its consideration of this petition and aid its understanding of the issues raised were you able to make yourself available. The Committee can see benefit in being able to explore with you orally the written evidence provided. By way of example, we note that to your knowledge no situation has arisen, within your tenure as Lord President, where a judge has failed to recuse him or herself. Would a central record be kept of any such instances and if so, are you able to provide any information on the numbers involved?

I and the other members of the Committee would be most grateful if you were able to reconsider the invitation from the Committee to attend in person. Our scheduled meeting dates for the rest of this term are as follows (all Tuesday mornings) 30 April, 14 May, 28 May, 11 June and 25 June. I do of course appreciate that none of these dates may be convenient for you, in which case the Committee would be more than willing to schedule a meeting on another morning to suit you.

I very much hope that you will be able to accept the Committee's invitation and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely

**David Stewart**  
**Convener of the Committee**