



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

2nd Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 2 February 2017

Present:

Maurice Corry  
Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)  
Brian Whittle  
Johann Lamont (Convener)  
Rona Mackay

Also present: Michael Russell

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Consideration of continued petitions:** The Committee considered the following continued petitions—

PE1612 by Graham McKinlay on Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme - change to the "same roof rule". The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice.

PE1616 by John S Shaw on parking legislation. The Committee agreed to defer further consideration of the petition until the Scottish Government's consultation on parking is completed.

PE1617 by Angus Files on proposed health study - vaccinated vs non-vaccinated. The Committee agreed to close the petition under rule 15.7 of Standing Orders on the basis that the Scottish Government has confirmed that it has no plans to commission a study as proposed by the petitioner, and provides evidence to support its position.

PE1618 by Carl Grundy, on behalf of Riders Club Edinburgh, on combatting motorcycle theft. The Committee agreed to write to Visit Scotland, Youth Link and Police Scotland.

PE1621 by James Robertson on sepsis awareness, diagnosis and treatment. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

PE1623 by Spencer Fildes, on behalf of the Scottish Secular Society, on unelected church appointees on Local Authority Education Committees. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government.

2. **Consideration of new petitions:** The Committee considered the following new petitions—

PE1628 by R Maxwell Barr, on behalf of Struan Lodge Development Group and Dunoon Community Council, on consultation on service delivery for the elderly or vulnerable and took evidence from R Maxwell Barr, Chair, Struan Lodge Development Group and Kenneth Mathieson, Convenor, Dunoon Community Council. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, Scottish Health Council, NHS Scotland, Audit Scotland and COSLA.

PE1629 by Jennifer Lewis on MRI scans for Ocular Melanoma sufferers in Scotland and took evidence from Jennifer Lewis and Iain Galloway, OcuMel UK. The Committee agreed to write to Scottish Government, OcuMel UK, Macmillan Cancer Support, Cancer Research UK, the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, the Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland and University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust.

PE1630 by Fiona Webb on nursery funding for 3 year olds. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government, COSLA, Working Families, Parenting Across Scotland, Fathers Network Scotland, One Parent Families Scotland, Voice Union, UNISON Scotland, Reform Scotland and Children in Scotland.

3. **Consideration of a draft report (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report on PE1463 on effective thyroid and adrenal testing, diagnosis and treatment. The committee agreed to invite Dr John Midgley and Lorraine Cleaver to give evidence at a future meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.57 am.

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