



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

5th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 16 March 2017

Present:

Johann Lamont (Convener)
Brian Whittle
Rona Mackay

Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)
Maurice Corry

Also present: Murdo Fraser (Agenda Item 1, PE1577); John Finnie (Agenda Item 2, PE1637); Kate Forbes (Agenda Item 2, PE1637 and Agenda Item 3, PE1591); Rhoda Grant (Agenda Item 3, PE1591)

The meeting opened at 9.01 am.

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

PE1480: Alzheimer's and dementia awareness / PE1533: Abolition of non-residential social care charges for older and disabled people and took evidence from Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport; David Fotheringham, Head of Adult Social Care; Mike Liddle, Policy Manager, Scottish Government. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence heard at a future meeting.

PE1577: Adult cerebral palsy services and took evidence from Aileen Campbell, Minister for Public Health and Sport; Dr Gregor Smith, Deputy Chief Medical Officer; Elizabeth Porterfield, Head, Strategic Planning and Clinical Priorities, Scottish Government. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence heard at a future meeting.

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

PE1637: Ship-to-ship oil transfers and trust port accountability and took evidence from Greg Fullarton, Duncan Bowers, Loreine Thomson on behalf of Cromarty Rising. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish

Government, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and the UK Harbour Masters' Association.

Angus Macdonald indicated that he had opposed a ship-to-ship transfer licence application for oil transfer in the Firth of Forth, in his previous capacity as a local authority councillor for Falkirk Council.

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

PE1408: Updating of Pernicious Anaemia/Vitamin B12 Deficiency understanding and treatment. The Committee agreed to invite the Minister for Public Health and Sport to give evidence at a future meeting.

PE1591: Major redesign of healthcare services in Skye, Lochalsh and South West Ross. The Committee agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport.

The meeting closed at 11.12 am.

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