



PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 20 April 2017

Present:

Johann Lamont (Convener)
Brian Whittle
Edward Mountain (Committee
Substitute)

Angus MacDonald (Deputy Convener)
Rona Mackay

Apologies were received from Maurice Corry.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

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

PE1548 by Mrs Beth Morrison on national guidance on restraint and seclusion in schools and took evidence from John Swinney, Deputy First Minister. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence from the Deputy First Minister and to consider a note by the clerk at a future meeting.

PE1581 Duncan Wright, on behalf of Save Scotland's School Libraries, on save Scotland's school libraries and took evidence from John Swinney, Deputy First Minister. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence from the Deputy First Minister and to consider a note by the clerk at a future meeting.

PE1603 by Mairi Campbell-Jack and Douglas Beattie, on behalf of Quaker in Scotland & Forces Watch, on ensuring greater scrutiny, guidance and consultation on armed forces visits to schools in Scotland and took evidence from John Swinney, Deputy First Minister. The Committee agreed to reflect on the evidence from the Deputy First Minister and to consider a note by the clerk at a future meeting.

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

PE1627 by Annette McKenzie on consent for mental health treatment for people under 18 years of age. The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government and the Royal College of Psychiatrists Faculty of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

PE1628 by R Maxwell Barr, on behalf of Struan Lodge Development Group and Dunoon Community, on consultation on service delivery for the elderly or vulnerable. The Committee agreed to refer the petition to the Health and Sport Committee under Rule 15.6.2 of Standing Orders.

PE1639 by Maureen Macmillan on enterprise agency boards. The committee agreed to write to the petitioner to seek her view on the recent statement from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work on the enterprise and skills review.

The meeting closed at 10.57 am.

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