The Scottish Parliament

PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

3rd Meeting, 2006 (Session 2)

Wednesday 8 February 2006

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 2.

1. **New Petitions:** The Committee will consider the following new petitions—

   - **PE931 To review policy on skin cancer.** Polly Buchanan, Skin Care Campaign Scotland, will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of this petition accompanied by Professor James Ferguson, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, and Dr Jamie Inglis, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, the Scottish Executive.

   - **PE913 To adopt a Play Strategy that recognises the right of all children in Scotland to a safe, accessible and challenging play environment.** Lynn Kelly, Donna Stewart and John Watson, Policy and Parliamentary Officer, Barnardos Scotland, will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of this petition.

   - **PE915 Access by primary school children to specialist visiting teachers.** The Committee will consider whether to take video conference evidence in relation to this petition.

   - **PE912 To commission research into membership of the freemasons within the police and judiciary.**

   - **PE926 To remove tolls from the Erskine Bridge.**

   - **PE924 To ban the siting of 3G and Tetra Phone masts in residential areas.**

2. **Current Petitions:** The Committee will further consider the following current petitions—
PE799 To support COAST’s proposals to close an area of Lamlash bay to all forms of marine extraction. The Committee will consider responses from the petitioners, Professor Callum Roberts of York University and the Scottish Executive.

PE839 Guidance for local authorities on the use of moratorium to exclude telecommunication masts from being situated on council land. The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Executive.

PE868 To create a right to buy for member-based community sports clubs occupying or using land. The Committee will consider responses from sportscotland, the National Playing Fields Association and the Scottish Executive.

PE863 To amend the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 in respect of limited companies. The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Legal Aid Board, the Law Society of Scotland, the Federation of Small Business, the CBI, the Scottish Executive and the Scottish Chamber of Commerce.

PE812 Health hazards associated with long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields from high voltage transmission lines. The Committee will consider a response from the Minister for Health and Community Care.

PE865 To investigate the sequestration recall process and consider amending the law. The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Executive.

PE735 Adjustment of Health Board boundaries and provision of health services in the North Clyde area.

PE772 Proposed clinical strategy emerging from NHS Boards, such as NHS Argyll and Clyde. The Committee will consider a response from the Minister for Health and Community Care.

PE895 Provision of funding to the Scottish Civic Forum. The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive and the Scottish Parliament Corporate Body.

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