PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA

6th Meeting, 2006 (Session 2)

Wednesday 22 March 2006

The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in Committee Room 1.

1. **Consideration of a new Forth Road Bridge:** The Committee will take evidence on PE943 from—
   
   Mark Hood

   and on PE942 from—

   David Spaven, Chair, TRANSFORM, Scotland; and

   Chas Booth, Parliamentary Officer, Friends of the Earth Scotland

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

   **PE937** To recognise and promote “Public Community Partnership” (PCP) funding as an alternative to PPP funding as a means of securing the long term future of rural schools. Catherine MacKinnon will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of her petition accompanied by Councillor Thomas MacLennan.

   **PE946** To consider and debate the process of local engagement and consultation in local planning issues. Andrew Watt will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of his petition accompanied by John Caldwell, Musselburgh and Inveresk Community Council and Neil Hynd, Chair, Musselburgh Conservation Society.

   **PE941** To ensure greater protection for the rivers, streams and lochs of Scotland from fish farms developments.

   **PE944** To investigate equal access for children with both parents after separation in Scottish Law.
PE933 To investigate Central Scotland Police’s dealings with Thomas Hamilton during the investigation into the shootings at Dunblane Primary School.

PE940 To establish a new public inquiry into the shootings at Dunblane Primary School.

PE948 To establish a new public inquiry into the shootings at Dunblane Primary School.

3. **Current Petitions:** The Committee will further consider the following current petitions—

**PE616 Health and safety hazards caused by seagulls in urban areas.** The Committee will consider a response from the Minister for Environment and Rural Development.

**PE759 Displaying judge’s names and recording court proceedings.** The Committee will consider a response from the Minister for Justice.

**PE855 Maintaining and repairing roads, pavements and footpaths.** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive and the Society for Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland.

**PE695 Affordable, accessible local transport for disabled people.** The Committee will consider a response from the Minister for Transport.

**PE789 The supervised taking of prescribed methadone.** The Committee will consider responses from Lothian Health Board and Greater Glasgow Health Board.

**PE893 The sale or possession of swords in Scotland.** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Executive and the Violence Reduction Unit of Strathclyde Police.

**PE888 Fast track hearings for institutional child abuse cases.** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Law Commission and the Scottish Executive.

**PE535 Inquiry into institutional child abuse.** The Committee will consider an update from the Minister for Justice.

**PE704 NHS Food for Good Charter.** The Committee will consider the progress of this petition.

4. **Proposed Petition:** The Committee will consider the admissibility of a proposed petition.

5. **Revised guidance on the submission of petitions:** The Committee will consider a draft of the revised guidance on the submission of petitions.
6. **Research proposal:** The Committee will consider a research proposal to review the first 1,000 petitions.

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