The Committee will meet at 10.00 am in CR5.

1. **Item in private**: The Committee will consider whether to take Item 4 in private.

2. **New Petitions**: The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
   - **PE989 To debate the issue of nuclear power.** Colin Anderson will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of his petition accompanied by Professor Stephen Salter, University of Edinburgh.
   - **PE988 To increase the Home Loss Payment.**
   - **PE975 Consideration of environmental designations in Local Plans.**
   - **PE987 To extend the smoking ban.**
   - **PE990 Review of the provision of community leisure facilities across Scotland.**
   - **PE986 Action to prevent the public from the danger of broken glass.** Cathy MacLeod will make a brief statement to the Committee in support of her petition accompanied by Chantelle Irvine and Amy Laird.

3. **Current Petitions**: The Committee will further consider the following current petitions—
   - **PE914 Payment by criminals of financial reparation to victims of crime.** The Committee will consider responses from the Lord Advocate and the Scottish Executive.
   - **PE935 Review of criminal procedures.** The Committee will consider responses from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, the Victim
Information and Advice Service, Victim Support Scotland and the Scottish Executive.

**PE923 Spiritual care in hospitals.** The Committee will consider responses from the Scottish Inter Faith Council, Aberdeen University, NHS Scotland and the Scottish Executive.

**PE783 National bird of Scotland.** The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

**PE942 To desist from preparing for the construction of a Second Forth Road Bridge before having all the facts regarding the condition of the existing Forth Road Bridge.**

**PE943 To consider the need for a new Forth road bridge**

The Committee will consider responses from Forth Estuary Transport Authority; Fife Council; Edinburgh City Council; Architects & Engineers for Social Responsibility; Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Executive.

**PE921 To urge the Scottish Executive not to increase the tolls on the Forth Road Bridge.** The Committee will consider responses from Forth Estuary Transport Authority, Transform Scotland, the AA, the RAC, Friends of the Earth, the Federation of Small Businesses, VisitScotland, the Chamber of Commerce, the EU Commissioner for Transport, the North Sea Commission Transport Group, Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Executive.

**PE925 To urge the Scottish Executive to remove and not extend the tolling regimes on the remaining toll bridges (Erskine, Forth and Tay).** The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Executive.

**PE580 Solvent abuse.** The Committee will consider a response from the Scottish Executive.

**PE878 Coastal and river erosion.** The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

**PE880 Local Authority democratic accountability.** The Committee will consider a response from the petitioner.

4. **Independent review to assess the operation of the petitions system.**

   Christopher Carman of the University of Glasgow will present his findings to the Committee.

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