The Committee will meet at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 2.

1. **Consideration of a current petition**: The Committee will consider the following current petition—
   
   **PE1319** Improving youth football. The Committee will take evidence from—
   
   Shona Robison MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport, Scottish Government;  
   Stewart Regan, Chief Executive, Scottish Football Association  
   Neil Doncaster, Chief Executive, Scottish Premier League;  
   Tam Baillie, Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People;  
   Martin Bain, Chief Executive, Rangers Football Club;  
   Jim Sinclair, Director of Youth Development, Rangers Football Club; and  
   Chris McCart, Head of Academy and Youth, Celtic Football Club

2. **Consideration of new petitions**: The Committee will consider the following new petitions—
   
   **PE1379** Green alternatives to incineration in Scotland. The Committee will take evidence from—
   
   Michael Gallagher,  
   Professor Paul Connett, St Lawrence University, USA; and  
   Shlomo Dowen, United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (UKWIN)

   **PE1380** Prohibiting the resale of football tickets

3. **Consideration of current petitions**: The Committee will consider the following current petitions—
   
   **PE1056** DVT
National and regional transport strategies
Tail docking
The planning system and the protection of national scenic areas
Amendment of Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act
Investigation into the 1949 Yangtze campaign medal awards system
Use of sodium fluoride and calcium fluoride
Lack of modern language training in initial teacher training programmes for primary school teachers
Involvement of the Scottish judiciary in the legislative process
Post legislative scrutiny of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006
 Clarify guidelines on Gypsy/Traveller encampments
Needs of kinship care children.
Abolition of church appointments to the General Teaching Council for Scotland
Ban Mosquito devices now.
Political education for all.
Young people’s views on provision of leisure and cultural facilities.

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The papers for the above meeting are as follows:-

Item 1 – Consideration of current petition  PE/S3/11/1/2
Item 2 – Consideration of new petitions  PE/S3/11/1/1
Item 3 – Consideration of current petitions  PE/S3/11/1/2
Consideration of new petitions

The Committee is invited to consider the following new petitions—

**PE1379** Petition by Michael Gallagher on behalf of green Alternatives to Incineration in Scotland calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to (a) immediately ban the construction of new waste incinerators and large biomass burners, and shut all existing plants within 5 years; (b) improve the monitoring of emissions from existing waste incinerators; and (c) accelerate Scotland’s drive to reduce, reuse and recycle waste.

**PE1380** Petition by Andrew Page calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to introduce legislation prohibiting the resale of football tickets for Scottish domestic and international fixtures, in line with similar legislation currently in force in England and Wales as well as the Netherlands.

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The Committee is invited to consider the following current petitions and written submissions received—

PE1319 Petition by William Smith and Scott Robertson calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to investigate the (1) legal status and appropriateness of professional SFA clubs entering into contracts with children under 16 years; (2) audit process and accountability of all public funds distributed by the Scottish Football Association to its member clubs; (3) social, educational and psychological affects and legality of SFA member clubs prohibiting such children from participating in extra curricular activity; and (4) appropriateness of ‘compensation’ payments between SFA member clubs for the transfer of young players under the age of 16 years; and to (5) increase the educational target from 2 hours curricular physical activity to four hours per week; and (6) develop a long-term plan to provide quality artificial surfaces for training and playing football at all ages across all regions.

Written submissions
PE1319/O: Scottish Government letter of 18 October 2010
PE1319/P: Scottish Football Association letter of 22 October 2010
PE1319/Q: Scottish Child Law Centre letter of 27 October 2010
PE1319/R: Henry McLeish letter of 29 October 2010
PE1319/S: Petitioner letter of 8 November 2010

PE1056 on by Gordon, Jane and Steven McPherson calling for the Scottish parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to introduce mandatory assessment tools for all health boards for the diagnosis of deep vein thrombosis (DVT); to ensure commonality of patient guidance information regarding DVT; and to introduce a newborn screening programme for the Factor V gene, which has been shown to increase susceptibility to DVT.

Written submissions
PE1056/P: Scottish Government letter of 14 December 2010
PE1056/Q: Petitioner email of 15 December 2010
PE1115 Petition by Caroline Moore on behalf of the Campaign to Open Blackford Railway-station Again, calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ensure that national and regional transport strategies consider and focus on public transport solutions such as the reopening of Blackford railway station which is identified as a priority action in the latest Tayside and Central Regional Transport Strategy, and in doing so, recognises and supports the positive environmental, economic and social impacts of such local solutions.

Written submissions
PE1115/O: Perth and Kinross Council letter of 19 November 2010
PE1115/P: Tayside and Central Scotland Transport Partnership letter of 20 November 2010
PE1115/Q: VisitScotland letter of 19 November 2010
PE1115/R: Transport Scotland letter of 30 November 2010
PE1115/S: Petitioner letter of 20 December 2010

PE1196 Petition by Michael Brander calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 as a matter of urgency to allow for the tails of working dogs to be docked.

Written submissions
PE1196/P and PE1230/K: Scottish Government letter of 26 November 2010
PE1196/Q: Petitioner email of 19 December 2010

PE1230 Petition by Dr Colin Shedden on behalf of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, the Scottish Countryside Alliance, the Scottish Gamekeepers Association and the Scottish Rural Property and Business Association, calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Prohibited Procedures on Protected Animals (Exemptions) (Scotland) Regulations 2007 to allow prophylactic tail docking of working dogs under tightly specified circumstances.

Written submissions
PE1196/P and PE1230/K: Scottish Government letter of 26 November 2010
PE1196/Q: Petitioner email of 19 December 2010

PE1295 Petition by Flora Dickson calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to clarify how sites which have been identified as areas of national scenic value can then be considered as suitable locations for the building of crematoria and other developments and whether allowing under the planning system for applications to build crematoria and other developments runs contrary to the reasons for sites being designated as such and whether the promotion and protection of our natural heritage should merit that a full and robust Environmental Impact Assessment is conducted for any planning applications made.

Written submissions
PE1295/J: Scottish Government letter of 18 November 2010
PE1295/K: Petitioner letter of 20 December 2010

PE1310 Petition by Jean Gerrard calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 to abolish the over-use of Compulsory Treatment Orders for non-violent mentally ill patients and to provide a process which allows patients and their representatives to challenge any perceived errors in CTO
report which can lead to misdiagnoses, faulty speculation and the administration of unwarranted forms of treatment.

Written submissions
PE1310/J: Scottish Government letter of 24 November 2010

PE1312 Petition by William Leitch calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to make representations to the UK Government asking it to investigate the circumstances into the process for awarding medals to those involved in the 1949 Yangtze campaign and, in particular, whether this process was corrupted as a result of the exclusion of relevant and important documents relating to the role of HMS Concord in the Yangtze Campaign on 30 and 31 July 1949.

Written submissions
PE1312/G: Ministry of Defence letter of 22 November 2010
PE1312/H: Petitioner’s letter of 3 December 2010

PE1358 Petition by Lillian Gunn calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to disseminate correct and accurate information regarding the uses of sodium fluoride and calcium fluoride to NHS boards and other bodies as appropriate.

Written submissions
PE1358/A: NHS Lothian letter of 9 November 2010
PE1358/B: Scottish Government letter of 19 November 2010
PE1358/C: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde letter of 18 November 2010
PE1358/D: Petitioner e-mail of 23 November 2010

PE1360 Petition by Jonathan Robertson calling on the Scottish Parliament to examine whether section 3.2 of the Guidelines for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and sections 1.1.1., 1.1.3 and 2.1.1 of the Standards for ITE place a legal obligation on the General Teaching Council for Scotland and the Scottish Government to only accredit and approve ITE programmes for primary teachers that offer some form of core modern language training module and whether they have circumvented these Guidelines and Standards when approving ITE programmes following their introduction in 2007.

Written submissions
PE1360/A: Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee letter of 17 November 2010
PE1360/B: Petitioner letter of 22 November 2010

PE1361 Petition by Tom Muirhead calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review the involvement of the Scottish judiciary in the legislative process.

Written submissions
PE1361/B: Lord President letter of 11 November 2010
PE1361/C: Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service letter of 17 November 2010
PE1361/D: Scottish Government letter of 19 November 2010
Petition by Brian McKerrow Jnr calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to clearly demonstrate how the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006 is compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights, the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and the key tenets of Scots Law and to publish the documents and evidence of such compliance.

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Petition by Phyllis McBain calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to review all guidelines relating to trespass and encampments for Gypsies and Travellers to ensure their intent is clear and that they are being applied.

Written submissions

Petition by Martin Johnstone on behalf of the Poverty Truth Commission calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to attend a meeting with kinship carers, hosted by the Scottish Human Rights Commission and the Poverty Truth Commission, to work on providing adequate financial and other support for kinship carer children giving them an equal chance to foster care children and to urge the UK Government and COSLA to also attend and that the Scottish Government includes kinship carers in future detailed discussions which affect them to maximise the effectiveness of new policies and legislation.

Written submissions
**PE1366** Petition by James Forbes calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to remove the seats reserved for the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church from the General Teaching Council for Scotland.

**Written submissions**
PE1366/A: Scottish Government letter of 11 November 2010  
PE1366/B: Scottish Catholic Education Service letter of 12 November 2010  
PE1366/C: Church of Scotland letter of 12 November 2010  
PE1366/D: Educational Institute for Scotland letter of 19 November 2010  
PE1366/E: General Teaching Council for Scotland letter of 17 November 2010  
PE1366/F: NASUWT letter of 24 November 2010  
PE1366/G: Petitioner letter of 15 December 2010

**PE1367** Petition by Andrew Deans on behalf of the Scottish Youth Parliament calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ban use of the ‘Mosquito’ and other such devices which emit a loud, unpleasant, high-pitched noise designed to be heard only by those under 25.

**Written submission**
PE1367/A: Co-operative Group letter of 2 November 2010  
PE1367/B: Health Protection Scotland letter of 11 November 2010  
PE1367/C: Aberdeenshire Council letter of 16 November 2010  
PE1367/D: Association of Chief Police Officers Scotland letter of 15 November 2010  
PE1367/E: Scottish Retail Consortium letter of 17 November 2010  
PE1367/F: Scottish Grocers Federation letter of 18 November 2010  
PE1367/G: City of Edinburgh Council letter of 18 November 2010  
PE1367/H: Scottish Police Federation letter of 22 November 2010  
PE1367/I: Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People letter of 24 November 2010  
PE1367/J: Equalities and Human Rights Commission letter of 25 November 2010  
PE1367/K: Scottish Government letter of 26 November 2010  
PE1367/L: Petitioner letter of 16 December 2010

**PE1368** Petition by Rowena Carlton MSYP on behalf of the Scottish Youth Parliament calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ensure that political education is provided to all school pupils and is given prominence within the framework of the new Curriculum for Excellence.

**Written submissions**
PE1368/A: Electoral Commission letter of 18 November 2010  
PE1368/B: Scottish Government letter of 19 November 2010  
PE1368/C: Modern Studies Association letter of 22 November 2010  
PE1368/D: Learning and Teaching Scotland letter of 19 November 2010  
PE1368/E: Petitioner letter of 16 December 2010
Petition by Jodie McCoy on behalf of South Ayrshire Youth Forum calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to require local authorities, under the ‘Power to advance well-being’ provisions (Part three) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003, to undertake impact assessments and specify how, when, with whom (and certainly community planning partners) and on what they will consult when considering the provision of local leisure and cultural facilities and confirm that it will develop guidance to local authorities on this issue which would assist in achieving its National Outcome on young people.

Written submissions
PE1369/A: Scottish Government letter of 19 November 2010
PE1369/B: Petitioner letter of 17 December 2010

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