

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1351:
QUESTIONS / REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2012—

Centre for Excellence for Looked After Children in Scotland—

- The Committee would be grateful to receive an update from CELCIS on the work that has been undertaken so far on the Interaction, the work still to take place, the timescales for this work and when you expect you expect the Interaction to be completed.

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012—

Scottish Government—

- The Committee would be grateful for the Scottish Government's responses to the issues raised in the petitioner's submission of 20 June 2012 (PE1351/Z)

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012—

Scottish Government—

- Please provide an update on the various strands of work being taken forward.

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011—

Scottish Government—

- To what extent is the Scottish Government taking the lead on the work that needs to be taken forward?
- What is the Scottish Government's timetable for taking forward the issues highlighted in Tom Shaw's February 2011 report and the Scottish Human Rights Commission February 2010 recommendations?
- Has the Scottish Government now committed to engaging with the interaction to consider the full range of recommendations made by the SHRC?
- As the interaction is not expected to take place until sometime in 2012, what scoping work does the Scottish Government propose to do before then on (1) a possible reparations scheme and (2) consideration of legislation to facilitate apologies?
- What discussions has the Scottish Government had with the UK Government about mechanisms for providing access to effective remedies (including compensation)? If no discussions have taken place are any planned?

Tom Shaw, Chair of Time to be Heard Pilot Forum—

- With particular reference to the discussion that took place at the meeting of the Public Petitions Committee on [29 November 2011](#), the Committee would be grateful for your views on how the various issues are being taken forward.

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2011—

Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the recommendations made in the *Time to be Heard: A Pilot Forum* Report and what are your plans for taking these recommendations forward?

TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2010—

Scottish Government—

- What is your response to the petition?
- What is the timetable for reviewing the report by the Chair of the Time to be Heard Forum? What will be the next steps following the pilot?
- Is there scope for an interim report from the Chair of the Forum?
- How can all victims of sexual/emotional abuse have their voices heard at a national level?
- What is your answer to the point made by the petitioner that “The Time to be Heard Forum is discriminatory and selective. It does not include or prioritise elderly and terminally ill survivors who were not residents in *Quarriers* institution”?
- Would an open forum, in line with Ireland’s Residential Institutions Redress Board, not be more appropriate to support all victims?
- Can victims of institutional abuse receive any financial compensation? If not, will you introduce a compensation element in line with the Residential Institutions Redress Board Ireland? If not, what are the reasons why it can be done in Ireland but not Scotland?
- Should such a forum be open to all victims or only to those who have been abused in specific institutions? In that case, in what way is the current forum representative of all victims?
- What was the rationale for restricting the access to the Time to be Heard Forum to former *Quarriers* residents only?
- Will you provide financial resources for adequate support services for those survivors who are participating in the pilot as well as to all victims of institutional sexual abuse?
- Why did you set up the Forum before responding to the recommendations in the report from the Scottish Human Rights Commission on “Acknowledgement and Accountability Forum and other remedies for historic child abuse in Scotland”?
- Will you implement in full, and when the recommendations made in the report from the Scottish Human Rights Commission?
- What is your response to the points made by Cathie Craigie MSP regarding the “time bar” law in Ireland?