

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1372:
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS
(See 'Written submissions' for responses)**

TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2011

**Scottish Government—
Scottish Legal Aid Board—**

- What is your response to the points and the specific questions asked in the written submission (PE1372/E) from the petitioner?

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2010

Scottish Government—

- Do you consider that access to the Scottish courts is compliant with the Aarhus convention on 'Access to Justice in Environmental Matters' especially in relation to costs, title and interest and can you demonstrate this?
- What is the case law, rules of court, or legislation to demonstrate you are compliant?
- Will you publish the documents and evidence of such compliance and, if not, why not?
- What action will you take in light of the recent ruling of the Aarhus Compliance Committee against the UK Government?
- What was your response to the [recent DEFRA consultation on this issue](#) and will you publish it?
- What is your response to the questions posed by the petitioner at the end of the petition ('What we need in Scotland')?

**Scottish Legal Aid Board—
UK Environmental Law Association—
Law Society of Scotland—
University of Edinburgh School of Law—
University of Strathclyde Law School**

[United Nations Economic Commission for Europe](#) (UN organisation responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing compliance with the Aarhus Convention)—

- What is your response to the petition and the points made therein?

Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—

- What is your response to the petition and the points made therein?
- Did you seek the views of Scottish organisations in your [recent consultation](#) on this matter?