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Dear Franck,

**Petition PE1280**

I wish to comment on the email communication you received from Mrs Sandra Wallace of the Legal System Division of the Scottish Government dated 12 January 2011.

The Petitions Committee had asked the Government to provide a timetable for responding to Lord Cullen's review. I am disappointed that this has not been forthcoming and that the inclement weather and holidays are cited as reasons for an additional delay of some 3 months.

I am aware, as indicated in Mrs Wallace's letter, that there is no possibility of considering the review in the current legislative programme. I am also sympathetic that the work involved raises complex issues and has practical implications for the various agencies. If the extended delay has been caused by these complexities it would seem reasonable that the committee be provided with an explanation as to the specific difficulties that exist.

I would request that in light of no progress having been made since the committee last discussed this matter that Petition PE1280 remains open to be considered after the government's response has been submitted.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Love