

**PE1367/M**

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Dear Mr Cochrane

Thank you for your further letter dated 12 January 2011 on behalf of the Public Petitions Committee requesting further views from the Scottish Government on the consideration of petition PE1367.

As I outlined in my previous letter, on 19 March 2009 the Scottish Government and COSLA jointly published *Promoting Positive Outcomes*, their Framework for tackling antisocial behaviour. This followed a thorough review of national antisocial behaviour policy and recognises that prevention and early and effective intervention should be at its heart. We consider that the mosquito device is not consistent with our approach as outlined in *Promoting Positive Outcomes* and is also not consistent with our desire to create strong supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others. I should also clarify that this Scottish Government has not expressed support for these devices in the past.

In light of the Committee's further consideration of the petition on 11 January, we will consider very carefully all arguments made in relation to these devices; the submissions made to the Committee during the course of its consideration; and the proposals put forward by members of the Scottish Youth Parliament that the devices should be banned.

We will also seek the views of local authority partners to try and ascertain the extent to which the device is being used across Scotland, and their views on the device.

I hope that this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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