

**PE1367/Q**

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Dear Mr Cochrane

In my letter of 5 August to the Public Petitions Committee regarding petition PE1367 I advised that I would update the Committee on discussions that Scottish Government officials had on 2 August 2011 with Home office colleagues regarding the Mosquito deterrent device. The device was discussed in the context of our respective approaches to tackling antisocial behaviour.

The following points were made during the course of the discussion by Home Office colleagues:

- ownership and use of the mosquito sonic deterrent device is legal;
- there do not appear to be any identified long term health risks;
- it is for individuals and organisations to ensure that the device is used in accordance with the manufacturers instructions in Scotland; and
- we appreciate that there is a level of concern around this device and will keep the position under review.

I would be grateful if the Committee could consider this note along side my earlier letter of 5 August 2011. I hope that this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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