

**PE1411/A**

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Edinburgh  
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19<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Dear Ms. Wilson,

**Re: Consideration of Petition PE1411**

The Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above petition which calls on *“the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to reform School Uniform Policies; by stopping gender-specific uniforms and changing clothes worn for uniforms to more comfortable, less physical-restrictive, more affordable and practical garments.”*

The issues raised in the petition merit further consideration, are of interest to young people and would directly impact on their lives. The Scottish Youth Parliament has no current position on the issue of school uniforms, but would consult our Members (MSYPs) representing Scotland’s young people on the issues raised in accordance with our policy-making guidance.

Due to the timescale for responses falling within the festive period, SYP are unable to carry out this consultation by 12<sup>th</sup> January. We would however welcome the opportunity to consult young people on the issues raised in the petition and provide this evidence to the Public Petitions Committee at a later date, if the Committee wishes to continue the petition.

For further information or any queries in relation to this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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