

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1415
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

Scottish Government—

In your letter of 18 July 2012 you stated that *“It may be possible to explore the issue of archaeological excavation of burial grounds with a view to including it within the still pending activity from the Death Certification, Burial and Cremation Consultation”*

The Committee asks that you confirm that you will explore the possibility of including the issue of archaeological excavations in burial grounds as part of the still pending activity from the Death Certification, Burial and Cremation Consultation.

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012

Scottish Government—

- As excavation of land within burial grounds, churchyards or cemeteries is not regulated by the 1855 Act; how is it regulated?
- What is the timetable for taking forward the rest of the recommendations made by the Burial and Cremation Review Group, in particular the recommendation for a cheaper and more streamlined process for exhumations?
- When this work is taken forward would it be possible to also give consideration to the issue of archaeological excavations with a view to making a recommendation?

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012

Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Do you have any plans to review and update the current law in relation to burial grounds? If not can you provide the Committee with your reasons for this?

North Ayrshire Council—

Highland Council—

South Lanarkshire Council—

City of Edinburgh Council—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?