

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1513
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2014

Scottish Government—

- What are the Scottish Government's views on:
 - Families Need Fathers Scotland's proposal that mothers should provide a reason when registering a birth without providing the father's name;
 - the Law Society of Scotland's proposal that courts be given the power and discretion to order DNA tests when seeking to determine paternity;
 - CLAN Childlaw's suggestion that the question of whether all fathers should automatically have PRRs be referred to the Scottish Law Commission for consideration of inclusion in a future programme; and
 - why the Scottish Government considers that the prospect of a mother raising proceedings to remove PRRs from a man with whom she had had a brief (consensual) relationship would be unfair.

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Scottish Government, Law Society of Scotland, Family Law Association, Families Need Fathers,—

- What are your views on the petition?

Scottish Women's Aid—

- What are your views on the petition?
- Could there be understandable reasons for a mother not to identify the name of the father on a birth certificate?

UK Government—

- What is the policy in England and Wales with regard to fathers' names being recorded on birth certificates and how a father can assert his rights if his name is not on the child's birth certificate?

Equal Opportunities Committee—

- Do the issues raised by this petition relate to the work that the Equal Opportunities Committee has undertaken on fathers and parenting?