



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

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Public Petitions Committee
Room T3.40
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear David

PE1521: No More Page 3 in the Scottish Sun and Scottish Parliament

Thank you for your letter of 18th June 2014 regarding the above noted petition.

The Scottish Parliament Labour Group has now had an opportunity to consider the terms of the petition and is supportive of its aims. You may recall a members' debate in parliament on 6th November 2013 on the NoMorePage3 campaign which enjoyed cross party support.

We support the campaign and we support the petition. It is our hope that The Scottish Sun will follow the lead of its sister paper in Ireland and remove page 3 as it simply serves to objectify women.

We also believe that until such time as this happens The Sun should not be available in the parliament. My colleagues believe that this should apply to all newspapers that have the equivalent of page 3.

I hope this is helpful in setting out the position of the Labour Group.

Yours sincerely

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