

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1525  
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2015**

The Scottish Government—

- Has the Scottish Government now heard back from the Board, if not when does it expect to hear?
- If it has heard back, has a decision been taken on whether a review of the provisions of the 2010 Direction is required and if not when will this decision be taken?

**TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2014**

The Scottish Government—

Scottish Legal Aid Board—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks and the discussions that took place at the meeting on 5 August?
- Please provide clarification on how the test of exceptionality is used in determining applications for legal aid under paragraph 5 of Civil Legal Aid for Defamation or Verbal Injury Proceedings (Scotland) Direction 2010<sup>1</sup>.
- Please provide information on the numbers of people who have received legal aid to defend defamation cases since 2007.

Scottish Human Rights Commission—

Law Society of Scotland—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks and the discussions that took place at the meeting on 5 August?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/254431/0106203.pdf>