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Scottish Human Rights Commission submission of 30 August 2018

The above Petition deals with a number of separate, but inter-related, issues all falling within the broad theme of access to justice. The Commission recently participated in an oral evidence session before the Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) at Westminster, which focused on the enforcement of human rights. The inquiry considered a wide range of issues such as adequate access to legal information, advice and assistance; the role of National Human Rights Institutions; the legal profession; and the judiciary.

The JCHR's final report is available <u>here</u>. The Commission believes the findings and written evidence submitted to the inquiry will be helpful in its consideration of the present Petition.

Finally, the Commission apologises for the considerable delay in responding to the Committee's letter.