

PE1843/A

Scottish Government response of 18 December 2020

I have reviewed the aim and content of the petition, the subject matter of which concerns the functions and operation of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards of Public Life in Scotland. That office-holder is appointed by the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body, with the agreement of the Parliament. The holders of such offices are commonly referred to as 'Parliamentary Commissioners' a genre of office-holder characterised by a need to ensure independence in their regulatory or quasi-judicial function, including from the Scottish Ministers.

On that basis, the Scottish Government would not consider it appropriate to offer any views at this point on the subject matter of Petition PE1843.