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Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee

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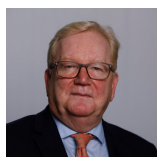


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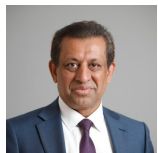
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Introduction

1. This annual report covers the period 13 May 2023 to 12 May 2024.
2. Alexander Stewart MSP left the Committee on 6 September 2023 and was replaced by Maurice Golden MSP.
3. At the start of the Parliamentary session, the remit of the Committee was extended to include citizen participation. Over the course of the Parliamentary year, the Committee has been considering its extended remit and how the Scottish Parliament should embed citizen participation, including deliberative engagement, in its work.

Meetings

4. During that period, 20 meetings took place in total, of which
- 3 meetings were held entirely in public
 - 17 meetings were held in public and included private items.



Source: Scottish Parliament

The work of the Committee on Citizen Participation

5. During this year the Committee has continued its work looking at how to embed participation in the work of the Scottish Parliament.
6. This year, the Committee considered evidence it had previously gathered and published its report 'Embedding Public Participation in the Work of the Parliament' in September 2023. This report was the result of a significant programme of work that began in 2022 and a People's Panel looking at the issue. The Committee's report made a series of recommendations to the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government.
7. The report was then debated in the Scottish Parliament on 26 October 2023. The Parliament:
 - agreed with the recommendation to establish two further citizens' panels in Session 6 with a view to making the use of such panels a regular feature of committee scrutiny from Session 7 onwards
 - endorsed the Committee's recommended principles for the future use of deliberative democracy and its recommendations for panel size, composition and participant selection
 - acknowledged the work already being done by Parliament staff to develop and improve engagement methods



Source: Scottish Parliament



Source: Scottish Parliament

8. A panel to support support the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee's post-legislative scrutiny of section 91 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 took place early in 2024 and the second of the two further panels recommended by this Committee will take place in late 2024-early 2025.
9. The Committee has commissioned an evaluation of both panels. The evaluation and experience from both panels will inform the Committee's final report on citizen participation.

The work of the Committee on Petitions

10. Over the course of the Parliamentary year, the Committee considered a total of **153** petitions on a wide range of issues. Of these, **83** were continued petitions (i.e. petitions first considered before the start of the Parliamentary year) and **70** were new petitions (first considered during the Parliamentary year). Most petitions are considered on a number of occasions. Of those petitions considered by the Committee, 38 were closed. A full list of petitions considered is included in [Annexe A](#).
11. Petitions may be lodged by individuals or organisations. This parliamentary year, 79 petitions have been published. Of those, 67 were submitted by individual petitioners and 12 were submitted by groups or organisations.
12. Since the beginning of the session, the Committee has sought a SPICe briefing and an initial submission from the Scottish Government on every new petition before the petition is included on a Committee agenda. This has allowed the Committee to make informed decisions on new petitions at their first consideration. This approach has worked well, and the Committee is grateful to the Scottish Government for continuing to engage positively with these requests for information.
13. The majority of the information gathered by the Committee is through written submissions. This Parliamentary year, submissions were received from -
 - petitioners
 - the Scottish Government
 - the UK Government
 - relevant organisations with an interest in the petition
 - individuals with relevant expertise
 - members of the public.
14. The Committee published 567 written submissions during the Parliamentary year. This figure includes the initial submissions received on every new petition from the Scottish Government.
15. The Committee has also heard oral evidence on petitions. During the Parliamentary year, evidence sessions were conducted both in a hybrid format and in person. This enabled the Committee to hear from a wide range of people and organisations from Scotland and beyond. The Committee heard from 46 people over 15 meetings.
16. This parliamentary year the Committee heard oral evidence on the following petitions:
 - PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities
 - The Committee took evidence from the petitioners Naomi Bremner, Angus Campbell and Rona MacKay.

- PE1876: Accurately record the sex of people charged or convicted of rape or attempted rape
 - The Committee took evidence from two of the petitioners Dr Lucy Hunter Blackburn and Lisa Mackenzie
- PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems
 - The Committee took evidence from Dr James Adeley, Senior Coroner, Lancashire; Dr Simon Beardmore, Consultant Radiologist, Lancashire; Ann Edwards, Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen Council; Dr Mark Sissons, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Rt Hon. Dorothy Bain KC, Lord Advocate; and Andy Shanks, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.
- PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme
 - The Committee took evidence from Shona Robison, then Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Scottish Government officials
- PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence
 - The Committee took evidence from Dr Fern Gillon, University of Glasgow; Dr Susan Batchelor, University of Glasgow; Emily Beever, No Knives, Better Lives; Will Linden, Scottish Violence Reduction Unit; and Jonathan Watters, Police Scotland.
- PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap
 - The Committee took evidence from the petitioner Jasmin-Kasaya Pilling; Laura Pasternak, Who Cares? Scotland; Joanne McMeeking, Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection; Megan Farr, Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, Fiona McFarlane, The Promise Scotland; Natalie Don, Minister for Children, Young People and Keeping the Promise; and Scottish Government officials.
- PE1975: Reform the law relating to Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs)
 - The Committee took evidence from the petitioner Roger Mullin; Professor Justin Borg-Barthet, Anti-SLAPP Research Hub; Ahsan Mustafa, Law Society of Scotland; Graeme Johnston, UK Anti-SLAPP Coalition; Siobhan Brown, Minister for Victims and Community Safety; and Scottish Government officials.
- PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies
 - The Committee took evidence from three of the petitioners Neil McLennan,

Alison Dickie, Bill Cook, and whistleblower Brendan Barnett.

- PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety
 - The Committee took evidence from the petitioner, Laura Hansler; Alex Neil, former Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment; CECA Scotland; current and former senior Transport Scotland officials; Màiri McAllan, then Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition; and Alex Salmond, former First Minister.
- PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act
 - The Committee took evidence from the petitioner Alex Hogg.

Inquiry into A9 Dualling Project

17. In February 2023, [the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee began considering petition PE1992](#), which calls on the Scottish Government to fulfil its 2011 promise to dual the A9 between Perth and Inverness, improve road safety on this road, and consider the creation of a national memorial to those who have tragically lost their lives on the road.
18. The Committee gathered initial evidence from the Petitioner, the Minister for Transport, community councils, and the transport and civil engineering industry. A call for views, inviting wider views on the methods for dualling the A9, road safety measures, and the Petitioner's proposal for a national memorial, ran from 9 August to 15 September 2023.
19. At its meeting on 6 September 2023, the Committee took the unusual step of elevating its scrutiny of petition PE1992 to the level of an inquiry.
20. The Committee's inquiry into the A9 dualling project has sought to ensure that progress is made on dualling the A9. In order to do this the Committee has looked at what went wrong with the original 2025 completion date as well as scrutinising the action currently being taken to make sure that the Scottish Government's revised completion date of 2035 can be met.
21. During this reporting year, the Committee has heard oral evidence from:
 - Alex Neil, former Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment
 - Civil Engineering and Contractors Association (CECA) Scotland
 - Current and former senior officials at Transport Scotland
 - Màiri McAllan, who was at that point the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
 - Alex Salmond, former First Minister.

The Committee has also considered extracts of advice provided to Ministers between 2012 and 2023 on progress to dual the A9, alongside written evidence from former Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers who held portfolio responsibility for infrastructure and transport during this period.

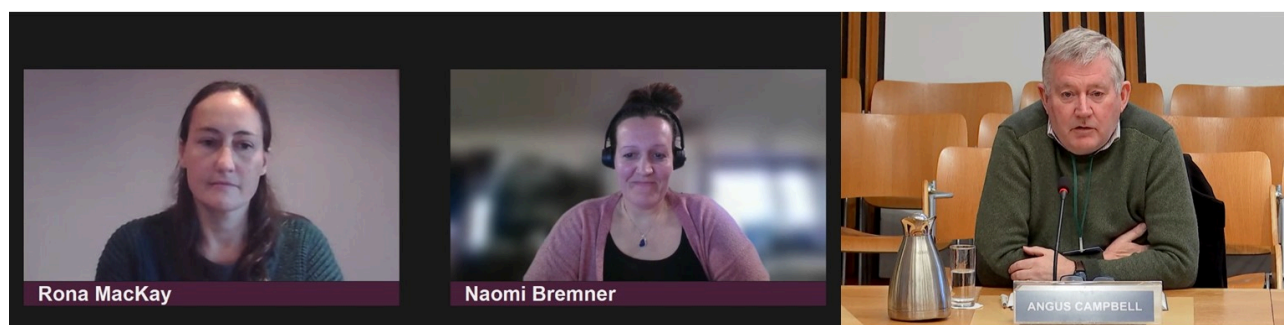
22. [Further information and updates on the progress of this inquiry can be found on the dedicated inquiry webpage.](#)

Inquiries/case studies

PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities

23. [PE1862 is a long-running petition that the Committee has been considering throughout this parliamentary session](#). Previous work to explore the petition's aim of introducing community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities has included gathering written evidence from the Scottish Government, and hearing evidence from the Minister for Transport and the Scottish Government's Director of Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals.
24. [On 20 December 2023, the Committee held an informative evidence session with the petitioners, Naomi Bremner, Angus Campbell, and Rona Mackay](#), to explore the specific proposals being put forward in their petition. This was a hybrid meeting of the Committee, with Committee Members and one petitioner in the room, and two of the petitioners participating online. One of the issues raised during the evidence session was making better use of technology to remove some of the barriers for island residents when applying for positions on the boards of public organisations, for example giving the option of participating in interviews online. **As well as the valuable evidence the Committee heard from the petitioners, taking evidence in a hybrid format served as a demonstration of how to use technology to make it easier for people from island communities to participate in civic life.**

PE1862 Petitioners providing evidence during a hybrid meeting of the Committee in December 2023



25. Following this evidence session, the Committee remains determined to get a clear answer from the Scottish Government on how the proposals set out in the petition can be taken forward in practice.

PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody

26. The Committee considers all petitions regardless of how many signatures are

received. As the Committee's first action we ask for the Scottish Government to respond in writing to the ask of the petition. This means that any admissible petition to the Scottish Parliament will be considered by the Committee and receive a response from the Scottish Government in line with the Committee's aim to be a voice for petitioners. As a result of this approach, [Petition PE1900](#), despite having only 6 signatures, was successful in persuading the Scottish Government to act on the issue raised. The Committee's work contributed to the then Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy's decision to conduct a rapid review of each health board to ascertain the extent of the issues on controlled drug licences in police custody across Scotland.

27. As a result, all health boards have now formally considered whether their current arrangements for ensuring detainees can access prescribed medication are sufficient or if further measures, such as a controlled drug licence for custody suites in their areas, are required. Where necessary health boards have made applications for licences and improved policies, practice and training to ensure that every detainee has access to their medication in custody. The current Minister for Drugs and Alcohol Policy, Christina McKelvie MSP, has committed to requesting annual updates from health boards to ensure that they have continued to comply with the requirements set out in the Rapid Review.

PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence

28. This year, the Committee continued its consideration of [petition PE1947](#) and agreed that it would meet with the petitioner and families with direct experience of the issues raised in the petition. Members of the Committee met an Edinburgh-based youth group, 6VT, and visited Milton in Glasgow to meet the petitioner and families with lived experience to inform their work on the petition. The Convener described the trip to Milton as -

” one of the most engaging, courageous, moving and disturbing exchanges that those of us present have had with members of the public

Source: Scottish Parliament, 2023¹

29. The visits helped to inform lines of questioning for two oral evidence sessions with academics and stakeholders, where the Committee put the families' experiences directly to witnesses. The Committee then wrote to the Minister for Victims and Community Safety to highlight the evidence received to date and ask further questions of the Minister.

PE2028: Extend the concessionary bus travel scheme to include people seeking asylum in Scotland

30. The First Minister typically appears before the Conveners Group of the Scottish

Parliament twice per year, with Committee Conveners having the opportunity to question the First Minister on topics related to the remit of their committee. For the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee Convener, this is often an opportunity to highlight the aims of a particular petition, or collection of petitions. When [then First Minister, Humza Yousaf, appeared before the Conveners Group on 27 September 2023, the Convener took the opportunity to raise petition PE2028](#) and secure a commitment that extending concessionary travel to people seeking asylum was an issue that the Scottish Government was actively considering.

31. Following the Committee's initial consideration of this petition and the Convener raising awareness of the petition at Conveners Group, the Scottish Government have announced funding of £2million to support further exploration of extending free bus travel to people seeking asylum, with the commitment also noted as an immediate to short-term action in Transport Scotland's recently published Fair Fares Review. This petition is a clear demonstration of the impact petitions can have in convincing the Scottish Government to take action on a specific issue.

The Public Petitions System

32. Part of the Committee's remit is to "keep under review the operation of the petitions system".
33. As part of the continuous evaluation of the petitions process, the Committee updated its criteria on written submissions in light of feedback.
34. The Committee agreed to no longer publish information about the previous action taken by petitioners to streamline the information published about petitions.

Equal opportunities

35. The Committee is keen to ensure that the petition process is made accessible to the widest range of people. To achieve this, the Committee seeks to remove any barriers that may prevent people from creating a petition and facilitates additional support for petitioners throughout the process where required. Committee clerks have provided over-the-phone support by writing up submissions for petitioners who have to dictate, rather than type, as a result of medical conditions. Communications with petitioners have been provided in a printed format with large font for accessibility adjustments, where required. When preparing petitioners to give evidence to the Committee, potential barriers are discussed and additional support is planned, such as the provision of quiet spaces in the building.
36. The Committee has continued to focus on accessibility throughout its work on the Public Participation Inquiry. As part of its communications approach, the Committee published a summary of its report in multiple formats and languages including Easy Read, BSL, Gaelic, Polish, Turkish, Urdu, Arabic, and Ukrainian.

Annexe A: Petitions considered by the Committee during the Parliamentary year 2023 - 2024

Continued petitions considered by the Committee

1. PE1610: Upgrade the A75
2. PE1657: A77 upgrade
3. PE1723: Essential tremor treatment in Scotland
4. PE1812: Protect Scotland's remaining ancient, native and semi-native woodlands and woodland floors
5. PE1854: Review the adult disability payment eligibility criteria for people with mobility needs
6. PE1856: Support the taxi trade
7. PE1859: Retain falconers rights to practice upland falconry in Scotland
8. PE1862: Introduce community representation on boards of public organisations delivering lifeline services to island communities
9. PE1864: Increase the ability of communities to influence planning decisions for onshore windfarms
10. PE1865: Suspend all surgical mesh and fixation devices
11. PE1867: Establish a new national qualification for British Sign Language (BSL)
12. PE1871: Full review of mental health services
13. PE1876: Accurately record the sex of people charged or convicted of rape or attempted rape
14. PE1885: Make offering Community Shared Ownership mandatory for all windfarm development planning proposals
15. PE1896: Provide every primary school child in Scotland with a reusable water bottle
16. PE1900: Access to prescribed medication for detainees in police custody
17. PE1902: To allow an appeal process for Community Participation Requests
18. PE1905: Public Inquiry into the response of religious organisations to allegations of child sexual abuse since 1950
19. PE1906: Investigate options for removing and reducing the impact of the central Glasgow section of the M8

20. PE1911: Review of Human Tissue (Scotland) Act 2006 as it relates to post-mortems
21. PE1913: Fast-track future Adult Disability Payment applications for people undergoing cancer treatment
22. PE1916: Request a public inquiry into the management of the rest and be thankful project
23. PE1918: Improve sex education in schools
24. PE1919: Ban the sale of high caffeine products to children for performance enhancement
25. PE1926: Expand universal free school meals for all nursery, primary and secondary school pupils
26. PE1928: Provide free rail travel for disabled people who meet the qualifications for free bus travel
27. PE1930: Ensure customers are always given information on cheapest possible fare in new Scotrail contract
28. PE1931: Improve the R100 rollout by prioritising properties who currently have speeds of less than 5 Mbps
29. PE1933: Allow the Fornethy Survivors to access Scotland's redress scheme
30. PE1934: Develop an educational resource on gender-based violence for all year groups in High School
31. PE1936: Remove potholes from Scotland's roads
32. PE1937: To give children the respect they deserve by providing options for privacy when changing for P.E
33. PE1939: Amend the date of birth to allow wider accessibility to the HPV vaccination programme for boys
34. PE1941: Stop the destruction of headstones within community cemeteries
35. PE1945: Ban the extraction and use of peat for horticulture and all growing media by 2023
36. PE1946: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation
37. PE1947: Address Scotland's culture of youth violence
38. PE1948: Improve the way that unexplained deaths are dealt with
39. PE1952: Specialist services for patients with autonomic dysfunction
40. PE1953: Review Education Support staff roles
41. PE1955: Make the provision of public toilets a statutory duty

42. PE1956: Increase the provision of wheelchair accessible homes
43. PE1957: Home Reports – make surveyors more accountable
44. PE1958: Extend aftercare for previously looked after young people, and remove the continuing care age cap
45. PE1960: Formally recognise private hire cars and taxis as modes of public transport
46. PE1961: Make it a specific offence to assault, threaten or abuse a private hire or taxi driver while at work
47. PE1962: Stop motorhomes parking overnight out with formal campsites, caravan parks and Aires
48. PE1964: Create an independent review of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman
49. PE1966: Formally recognise and incorporate local knowledge in Scottish Government policy
50. PE1967: Protect Loch Lomond’s Atlantic oakwood shoreline by implementing the High Road option for the A82 upgrade between Tarbet and Inverarnan
51. PE1968: Restrict perpetrators of domestic abuse from using family court proceedings to continue tormenting their victims
52. PE1969: Amend the law to fully decriminalise abortion in Scotland
53. PE1970: Create an online account for parents to manage the 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare funding
54. PE1971: Take Robust Action to Stop Motorcycle Theft
55. PE1973: End the use of Sheriffs Discretion when ruling on civil cases and provide clear legal guidance on division of assets
56. PE1974: Adopt the A890 as a trunk road
57. PE1975: Reform the law relating to Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs)
58. PE1976: Backdate council tax discounts for dementia to the date of GP certification
59. PE1977: Require social services to inform biological fathers of concerns about their children
60. PE1978: Allow raw milk to be sold in Scotland
61. PE1979: Establish an independent inquiry and an independent national whistleblowing officer to investigate concerns about the alleged mishandling of child safeguarding enquiries by public bodies
62. PE1980: Adopt the A832 between Achnasheen and Gorstan as a trunk road
63. PE1981: Ensure perpetrators of domestic abuse, who have been excluded from the matrimonial home, cannot force the sale of the property

64. PE1982: Review funding arrangements for higher education to help ensure more funded places are available for Scottish ballet dancers at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland
65. PE1983: Improve the transparency and accountability of Scottish legal courts
66. PE1984: Introduce the C100 form for child arrangement orders in Scotland
67. PE1985: Evaluate Garages to Homes Developments
68. PE1986: Provide testing kits for drugs in public spaces
69. PE1988: Review the process for disposal of household raw sewage
70. PE1989: Increase defibrillators in public spaces and workplaces
71. PE1990: Introduce a Scottish Parliament question session for young people
72. PE1991: Develop an educational resource on abortion
73. PE1992: Dual the A9 and improve road safety
74. PE1993: Reform the financial support for social work students on work placements
75. PE1994: Review the trial process for sexual offence cases
76. PE1995: Improve support for victims of spiking
77. PE1997: Introduce mandatory braille labelling for food products sold in Scotland
78. PP1999: Fully implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
79. PE2000: Ensure universities are held accountable to students under consumer law
80. PE2001: Withdraw the 'Supporting transgender young people in schools' guidance from Scottish schools
81. PE2002: Ensure access to legal aid for people with disabilities
82. PE2004: Abolish the use of Public Private Partnerships in Scotland
83. PE2006: Review and simplify the legislation in relation to dismissal of property factors

New petitions considered by the Committee

1. PE2007: Increase allotment provision for all and entitle Universal Credit claimants to a free plot
2. PE2008: Provide funding for a separate mental health A&E for children
3. PE2009: Ensure fair access to Scottish universities for all residents in Scotland and the UK
4. PE2012: Remove need for follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) blood tests before prescribing Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT)

5. PE2013: Implementation of a National Dashcam Safety Portal
6. PE2014: Revert to the appeals system used in 2022 for SQA exams
7. PE2015: Extend the right to vote in Scottish local government and Scottish Parliament elections to all prisoners
8. PE2016: Raise awareness of Thrombosis in Scotland
9. PE2017: Extend the period that specialist perinatal mental health support is made available beyond one year.
10. PE2018: Recognise the value of swimming pools and provide financial relief to help keep pools open
11. PE2019: Withdraw rates relief under the Small Business Bonus Scheme from Holiday Let Accommodation
12. PE2020: Provide fertility treatment to single women
13. PE2021: Ensure the definition of protected animals in the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 applies to the sheep on St Kilda
14. PE2022: Introduce national safeguarding guidance on how higher education institutions should handle cases of sexual misconduct
15. PE2023: Stop the Deposit Return Scheme
16. PE2024: Create a national, public information programme to raise awareness of the impacts of steroids, selective androgen receptor modulators, and other performance enhancing drugs
17. PE2025: Improve the support available to victims of domestic violence, who have been forced to flee their home
18. PE2026: Eliminate Council Tax discounts for second homes and vacant properties.
19. PE2027: Launch the Changing Places Toilet fund
20. PE2028: Extend the concessionary bus travel scheme to include people seeking asylum in Scotland
21. PE2029: Nationalise Clydeport to bring the ports and harbours on the river Clyde into public ownership
22. PE2030: Review cultural funding arrangements to enable Scotland to contribute to the Venice Biennale in 2024
23. PE2031: Provide insulin pumps to all children with type 1 diabetes in Scotland
24. PE2032: Improve the support available to injured soldiers and veterans in Scotland
25. PE2033: Introduce a full ban on disposable vapes
26. PE2034: Stop the current proposals for Highly Protected Marine Areas (HMPAs) in Scotland

27. PE2035: Recognise legal control of generalist predators as a conservation act
28. PE2036: Write off student loan debts for paramedic students
29. PE2037: Improve literacy attainment through research-informed reading instruction
30. PE2038: Commission suitable NHS services for people with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and hyper mobility spectrum disorders
31. PE2039: Fair pay to student nurses while on placement
32. PE2040: Increase funding to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to prevent serious cuts to the service provided to the public
33. PE2041: Exempt community healthcare staff from parking charges
34. PE2042: Abolish Car parking charges for all forestry and Land Scotland sites.
35. PE2043: Change the way gender theory is presented in schools
36. PE2044: Recommit the £26 million pledged to colleges in the 2023/24 budget
37. PE2045: Lower the cervical cancer smear test age in Scotland to sixteen
38. PE2046: Provide birth certificates for stillborn babies
39. PE2047: Make malicious false allegations a hate crime
40. PE2048: Review the FAST stroke awareness campaign
41. PE2049: Introduce buffer zones outside migrant accommodation
42. PE2050: Prohibit the use of recreational drones on national nature reserves without a permit from NatureScot
43. PE2051: Improve the processes for protecting children and young people from traumatic incidents at school
44. PE2052: Ban child circumcision unless it is medically necessary with no less invasive solutions available
45. PE2053: Stop the cuts to community link workers and help secure their long-term future within GP practice teams
46. PE2054: Establish an independent review into the proposed Spaceport 1 development at Scolpaig Farm in North Uist
47. PE2055: Stop the exportation of live animals as a priority
48. PE2056: Introduce legislation allowing Scottish Ministers to intervene on the hire of public land
49. PE2057: Promote shared parenting and prevent the separation of children from their parents
50. PE2058: Require all dog boarding kennels to install smoke detectors, smoke alarms

and sprinkler systems

51. PE2059: Ensure pedestrian crossings cannot be disabled without an equivalent safety measure in place
52. PE2060: Review existing legislation and legal remedies against trespassers
53. PE2061: Require solicitors to ensure capacity of vulnerable individuals by having a medical professional co-sign legal documents
54. PE2062: Introduce a National Screening Programme for Prostate Cancer
55. PE2063: Increase funding for local authorities to enable better management and protection of conservation areas
56. PE2064: Ensure that under 16s charged with rape are treated as adults in the criminal justice system
57. PE2065: Improve and prioritise pedestrian safety
58. PE2066: Treat vapes and e-cigarettes like cigarettes and tobacco
59. PE2067: Improve data on young people affected by conditions causing Sudden Cardiac Death
60. PE2068: Review and cap public sector senior management salaries
61. PE2069: Ensure accuracy of statements informing Child Welfare Reports
62. PE2070: Stop same-day-only GP appointment systems
63. PE2071: Take action to protect people from airborne infections in health and social care settings
64. PE2072: Offer covid 19 vaccine boosters to teachers and school staff
65. PE2073: Ensure accurate information is used when issuing court summons
66. PE2074: Increase local government funding to help protect the vulnerable elderly population and prevent the closure of care homes
67. PE2075: Prioritise local participation in planning decisions
68. PE2076: Require original wills made outside of Scotland to be accepted into safe custody, by Registers of Scotland or other safe custody providers, without prior mailing around
69. PE2077: Update Curriculum for Excellence to remove Personal and Social Education (PSE) from secondary schools
70. PE2078: Introduce mandatory licencing and inspection of private ambulance service providers

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