

13 March 2009

Re: Petition PE1098

Dear Sir / Madam

With reference to the latest response from The Scottish Government concerning the above Petition, I would like to note that once again the Scottish Government has reiterated their position regarding current legislation and have provided no further helpful information.

In my previous correspondence I asked if the Scottish Government would be prepared to take the issue of Seatbelts on School Buses to Westminster on 'Scotland's' behalf however it seems that this request has been discounted. If this is the case I would like to know why the Scottish Government are not willing to take this further, when the Minister's clearly feel that seatbelts on school buses are justified as they are advising Local Authorities that this is the way forward.

Every child, not only those in the current Local Authority areas who do specify seat belted buses for their schoolchildren, deserves to travel safely. This should not be a privilege but a right!

I wonder also if any further information has been gained from the Commissioner for Young People?

Kind Regards

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