

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1393  
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2012**

**The Scottish Government—**

- Please respond to the points raised by the petitioner in the written submission (PE1393/M).
- Will you clarify the scope and timetable for the proposed Children's Services Bill?
- How is the Scottish Government holding local authorities to account to ensure compliance with national guidance?
- Can you provide the Committee with an update on the measures that have been introduced to minimise the risk of children going missing from care in Scotland? The Minister for Children and Young People offered to get back to the Committee on this matter at the meeting on 7 February 2012 (*Official Report*, c. 407).
- Will you please share the detail of the work you have undertaken with social media operators to prevent and tackle child sexual exploitation and, following the internet safety conference planned in March 2012, provide an update on the outcomes?
- Will you undertake to provide the Committee with an update on the conclusions of the Child Protection Committee Chairs Forum in March 2012 and the University of Bedfordshire research findings when they are published in June 2012?

**Facebook—**

**YouTube—**

**Myspace—**

- The Committee is interested to know whether you distinguish between the issues of child sexual exploitation and the wider problem of internet grooming. Please provide the Committee with details of how you investigate and tackle the problem of child sexual exploitation?

**TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2011**

**Edinburgh City Council—**

**Highland Council—**

- Will you please respond to the Committee's letter of 8 September 2011

**All NHS Area Health Boards**

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition and during the discussions by the Committee on 6 September and 15 November?

**TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**The Scottish Government—**

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Will you consider all three requests made by the petition? If not, will you please set out your reasons.

**Association of Chief Police Officers Scotland —**

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- During the discussion it was noted that there had been only one conviction under the Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2005. A comparison was drawn with the situation in England and Wales where around 6,000 convictions have secured under equivalent legislation. It was suggested that in Scotland perpetrators of such crimes may be being charged under different legislation for different crimes
  - Can you provide the Committee with details of how these types of offences are being charged and what other offences the perpetrators might be being charged with?

**The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre—**

**NHS Health Scotland—**

**Glasgow City Council—**

**Edinburgh City Council—**

**The Highland Council—**

- What are your views of the issues raised by the petition and during the discussion by the Committee on 6 September?