

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1699  
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Scottish Government—**

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**Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service—**

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- would also like to hear the views of COPFS on the availability of forensic pathologists to carry out post mortem procedures in Scotland and whether this has any impact on the protocols?

**Faculty of Advocates, Law Society of Scotland, Scottish Criminal Bar Association—**

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**PETAL, Victim Support Scotland—**

- What are your views on the action called for in the petition?