

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1703
QUESTIONS/ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2018

Scottish Government

- What is your view on the petition?
- Whether the Scottish Government expects to meet its Reaching 100% programme by 2021?
- In striving to deliver the Reaching 100 programme, whether urban areas have been prioritised over rural areas in the delivery of superfast broadband?
- Whether the Scottish Government has mapped all the fibre cable infrastructure that has been laid in Scotland and who it belongs to?
- With regard to the fibre infrastructure running through the village of Laid, who owns the cable and whether it can be utilised by the local community?

Highlands and Islands Enterprise

- What is your view on the petition?
- The Committee understands that while superfast broadband has not yet been delivered to the village of Laid in North West Sutherland, fibre infrastructure runs through this village. Therefore, the Committee would also be grateful if HIE could confirm in its response whether it knows who owns this fibre cable, and if it can be used by the community of Laid.

Scottish Enterprise and the South of Scotland Economic Partnership

- What is your view on the petition?