



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01746

Name of petitioner

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Petition title

Creation of a Scottish space non-departmental public body

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to create a non-departmental public body with responsibility for space technology and to work in partnership with other relevant organisations to ensure Scotland's space sector potential is fulfilled.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

This issue has been brought up with senior Scottish Government politicians and MSPs.

Petition background information

Scotland is currently a leader in space technology, with Glasgow leading in satellite manufacture and Edinburgh leading in downstream technologies. Glasgow produces more satellites than any other European city.

Scotland is home to major Space research institutions and companies. Strathclyde, Glasgow, Heriot Watt and Edinburgh Universities are taking part in important space research. Many companies too are working on ensuring satellite launch capability from the north of Scotland. This put Scotland a unique position of having full spacefaring capability in the space of several hundred kilometres. A non-departmental body will ensure that the Scottish Government is well placed to ensure that the public, industry and academia can capitalise on this opportunity.

The Scottish Government currently aims to capture 10% of the UK space market. The creation of a non-departmental body will ensure that this target is met and exceeded by providing:

- R&D Funding (Academia & Industry)
- Public Policy
- Research Fellowships (PhD & PostDoctoral)
- Country of Origin Marketing (Ensuring Scotland is seen as a place of excellence)
- STEM Outreach

- Internship funding (Academia & Industry)
- Events

This petition recognises that many powers within Space are still reserved by the UK Government. A non-departmental body focussed on Space will work in partnership and alongside UK bodies to ensure Scottish space leadership.

Unique web address

<https://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/spaceoffice>

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Comments to stimulate online discussion

How can Scotland maximise its potential as a spacefaring nation?

What action should the Scottish Government take to harness Scotland's potential within space industries?

What are the best ways for government, academia and industry to work together?

What is the best way to inspire tomorrow's youth through space?