



## Briefing for the Public Petitions Committee

**Petition Number:** [PE1502](#)

**Main Petitioner:** Shonah Gibbon

**Subject:** Ecurie Ecosse collection

Calls on the Parliament to: urge the Scottish Government to provide funding for one or more of the vehicles which form the Ecurie Ecosse collection. It is hoped that the National Museum of Scotland will seek to acquire these as part of its transport collections

### Background

Ecurie Ecosse was a motor racing team set up in 1951 by David Murray. It won two consecutive Le Mans 24-Hour races in the 1950s. The team was disbanded in 1972, but reformed in 1982 under new direction.

A collection of eight vehicles, used by the original team, including the three car transporter, was gathered by Dick Skipworth. On 3 September 2013, it was announced that the collection would be sold at auction, on 1 December 2013, by [Bonhams](#) in London.

The collection was [sold](#) for a cumulative total of £8.8 million, a record price for motor vehicles. Bonhams' news release described the transporter as the "most valuable historic commercial vehicle ever sold at auction".

Three of the vehicles, including the transporter, were sold to the same buyer in the United States.

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