

**PE1583/D**

Ms Sigrid Robinson  
Assistant Clark  
Public Petitions Committee  
Scottish Parliament

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**By e-mail**

Dear Ms Robinson

**Petition PE 1583**

The EIS notes the terms of the above petition.

The supervision of playgrounds prior to the school day is not a duty of teaching staff. Normally, playground supervision is a matter for auxiliary staff. The EIS has recently secured a commitment from Scottish Government to ensure the length of the pupil day in primary schools.

The EIS, however, has been concerned at the impact of budget cuts on classroom auxiliaries and assistants in Council areas. The Petition has a laudable aim but this should be achieved by redeploying current auxiliaries and assistants from supporting teachers in the class. The Petition if supported by Scottish Government, has a resource implication which must be met.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Secretary