

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1395
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2013

University of Glasgow—

- The Committee draws your attention to the points raised by members at the meeting on 5 February 2013 (*Official Report, cols. 1070 – 1071*). Please set out how information is gathered on unmet demand for courses that are not being offered?
- How does the University of Glasgow respond to changes in demand, and assess emerging demand, from UK and international students for courses not on offer?

Universities Scotland—

- The Committee draws your attention to the points raised by members at the meeting on 5 February 2013 (*Official Report, cols. 1070 – 1071*). Please set out how the university sector markets its courses in the UK and overseas to effectively meet demand?
- How does the university sector respond to changes in demand, and assess emerging demand, from UK and international students for courses not on offer?
- What policy has Universities Scotland developed to ensure that the university sector is able to meet demand for language courses or subjects that are not available?

TUESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2012

Scottish Funding Council—

- How is information gathered on unmet demand for courses that are not being offered?

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2012

Scottish Government—

Scottish Funding Council—

- The Committee draws your attention to the concerns raised by John Wilson MSP at the meeting on 2 October 2012 (*Official Report, col. 801*). Please respond to the points raised in the petitioner's submission of 20 September 2012 (PE1395/N).

TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2012

Scottish Funding Council—

- The Committee considered a further submission from the petitioner at its meeting on 26 June 2012 regarding the forthcoming outcome agreement with the University of Glasgow. Please confirm whether language-based culture courses in Czech, Polish, Russian and Slavonic studies, up to and including postgraduate level, will be specifically included in the outcome agreement with the University of Glasgow?
- If these language-based culture courses are not included in the outcome agreement can you please set out why not, and detail what other provision is available to students in Scotland who wish to pursue language-based study in the cultures of Central and Eastern Europe within Slavonic Studies?

TUESDAY 1 MAY 2012

Scottish Funding Council—

- Your letter dated 21 March 2012 refers to a monitoring and intervention approach on “a case by case basis”. Please provide further details of the case assessments carried out on the degree subjects the petitioner is concerned about and the conclusions.
- The Committee would be grateful for a copy of the findings of the investigation into the provision of Czech, Polish and Slavonic Studies referred to in your letter.

TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012

Scottish Government—

- With reference to the discussion at the Committee meeting on 21 February 2012, what consideration is being given to using some of the recently announced additional funding for Scottish universities over the spending review period, to meet the concerns of the petitioner?
- The University of Glasgow has stated that support for its Centre for Russian, Central and East European Studies (CRCEES) from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) ended in 2011. The Committee would be interested to know the reasons for this support ending. What knowledge do you have of the HEFCE support arrangements and the reasons for it having ended?

Scottish Funding Council—

- In light of the recently announced additional funding for Scottish universities over the spending review period, how do you anticipate this additional funding being utilised to meet the concerns of the petitioner?

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TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2011

Scottish Government—

- Will you give consideration to giving lesser taught languages and cultures controlled funding status which would enable funding to be targeted?
- The contribution that language and cultural awareness make to enterprise, tourism and cultural awareness was noted by the Committee. To what extent is this a consideration by the Scottish Government when setting priorities for the Scottish Funding Council? What are the views of the Minister for Energy, Enterprise & Tourism on the issues raised in the petition and the contribution that languages and cultural awareness make to enterprise, tourism and international relations? Will the Scottish Government look at whether there is scope for some funding for lesser taught languages to be made available from the Enterprise or Tourism budget heads?

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Will your forthcoming consultation considering the “post 16” landscape cover the issues raised in the petition?

Scottish Funding Council University of Glasgow

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