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Dear Anne,

PETITION PE1403 – MR PETER MORRIS

Thank you for your letter of 29 March following up Peter Morris' petition and the earlier responses given by the Scottish Government. We are finalising the consultation document on proposals for the Victims and Witnesses Bill now and hope to publish it in the next two months. In respect of the timing for introduction of the Bill we are committed to introducing the Bill during this Parliament and hope to introduce it next year.

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