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Dear Ms Wilson

PETITION PE 1415

Thank you for your letter of 12 September 2012 regarding the above petition by John Steele.

Following the Committee's further scrutiny and consideration of the issue on 4 September 2012, you wrote seeking confirmation that the Scottish Government would explore the possibility of including the issue of archaeological excavations in burial grounds as part of the still pending activity from the Death Certification, Burial and Cremation Consultation.

I note from the official record that the Petitions Committee considered a number of options in relation to this petition, in particular a related possibility of giving Mr Steele the opportunity to work with us more directly.

I can confirm that we will explore this issue as part of the pending activity and also that we would be keen to learn more from Mr Steele at that time.

I understand that this response may lead you to decide to close down this particular petition, in which case I would like to thank Committee members for the time and consideration they have afforded PE 1415.

Yours sincerely,

ALISON KERR