

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1432
QUESTIONS/ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2012

The Scottish Government—

- The Committee noted the response time performances for Dumfries and Galloway, in particular the category A calls. Please set out what actions and discussions have taken place with the SAS to secure improvement in response times for Dumfries and Galloway.

Scottish Ambulance Service—

- The Committee thanks you for your response of 26 July 2012 and notes that the SAS is keen to work in partnership with communities. The Committee invites the SAS to engage with the petitioners and Dalbeattie community in the further development of community schemes.
- In relation to the public meeting that was arranged in Dalbeattie, the petitioners state that Community and Regional Councillors had no knowledge of the meeting. Please advise what activities and engagement the SAS is undertaking with this local community.

TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012

The Scottish Government—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- Please provide an update on progress against category A and B time based targets for remote and rural areas in Scotland.
- How is progress and implementation of the Strategic Options Framework monitored and reported, particularly relating to remote and rural areas?

Scottish Ambulance Service—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- Please provide an update on progress against category A and B time based targets for remote and rural areas in Scotland.
- How is progress and implementation of the Strategic Options Framework monitored and reported, particularly relating to remote and rural areas?
- In relation to the First Responder scheme, the Committee understands that no-one attended the public meeting in Dalbeattie on 28 March 2012. The petitioners have indicated

that they were unaware of the meeting. How was the meeting publicised?

- The petitioners' state that interest previously expressed in the First Responders scheme was not followed up. How was the scheme introduced and developed in Dumfries and Galloway?
- The Committee is aware of the use of retained firefighter crews in mostly rural areas and the creation of a "retained" ambulance in Shetland. What consideration is the Scottish Ambulance Service giving to using retained ambulance staff across remote and rural areas in Scotland?
- As a useful comparison, with reference to the issues raised in the petition, please set out how the challenges of delivering an emergency service are dealt with in the Highlands and Islands.

Dumfries and Galloway Health Board—

- What are your views on what the petition seeks?
- In relation to the First Responder scheme, the Committee understands that no-one attended the public meeting in Dalbeattie on 28 March 2012. The petitioners have indicated that they were unaware of the meeting. How was the meeting publicised?
- The petitioners' state that interest previously expressed in the First Responders scheme was not followed up. How was the scheme introduced and developed in Dumfries and Galloway?