

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1441
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2013

Scottish Government—

- What is the latest situation with regard to the negotiations between DEFRA and the UK insurance industry?
- What transitional arrangements have been proposed for when the Statement of Principles expires at the end of July?
- Given that one extension has been made, will further extensions be granted until the negotiations have reached a satisfactory conclusion?
- What action is the Scottish Government taking to ensure that SEPA develops a new commercial licence as soon as possible?

SEPA—

- What steps are being taken to ensure that a new commercial licence is being developed as soon as possible?

DEFRA—

- What transitional arrangements have been proposed for when the Statement of Principles expires at the end of July?
- Given that one extension has been made already, are further extensions being considered until the negotiations have reached a satisfactory resolution?

TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013

SEPA—

- The Committee welcomes the positive responses from the 29 local authorities. What steps are you taking to ensure that the three outstanding local authorities provide their responses without further delay?
- What is the timetable for the development of terms and conditions for use of the data, if required?

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2013

Scottish Government—

SEPA—

- Why are insurers not allowed to use the Scottish Flood Defence Asset Database (SFDAD) when setting premiums and what progress, if any, is planned or ongoing to change this situation?

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2012

Scottish Government—

- What steps are being taken by the Scottish Government to ensure that Scotland's interests are represented in the discussions between DEFRA and the UK Insurance industry in anticipation of the existing statement of principles coming to an end on 30 June 2013.
- The Committee noted that the Scottish Government commissioned the Centre of Expertise for Waters at Dundee University (CREW) to undertake a preliminary assessment of the possible implications in Scotland of changes to the flood insurance market and that the report was published in July 2012. How does the Scottish Government plan to respond to this report and what are the timescales for doing so.

DEFRA—

- The Committee would be grateful if you would advise how Scottish interests are being represented in discussions between DEFRA and the UK insurance industry. This is in anticipation of the existing statements of principles coming to an end on 30 June 2013 and any future announcement on subsidies.

**Association of British Insurers—
Homes for Scotland—**

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- What is your view on the petitioner's evidence?
- Are you aware of any occasions when this provision has been used by insurance companies to pursue developers of property on flood plains?

**COSLA—
SEPA—**

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