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Dear Mr Todd

### PETITION PE1470: ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUNG CARER'S GRANT

Thank you for your emailed letter of 13 March 2013 advising of the receipt by the Public Petitions Committee of this Petition, urging Scottish Government to establish a Young Carer's Grant for carers in full time education, or who are under the age of 18.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar is entirely supportive of the aims of this Petition, and believes that every opportunity should be given to enable Young Carers to participate in educational and employment opportunities, both to limit disadvantage and to ensure that Young Carers are helped, as far as possible, with the challenging pressures of balancing educational and employment opportunities, and their caring responsibilities. To do so would be a natural progression of the strategy agreed by Scottish Government and COSLA, *Getting it Right for Every Young Carers*, which has a central theme of proper identification of, and support for, Young Carers.

Please let me know if any further information is required.

Yours sincerely

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