PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1565 QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2015

Scottish Sentencing Council—

• Please consider including the issue of whole of life tariffs in the Scottish Sentencing Council's work programme.

TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2015

Scottish Government—

- Should the sentencing council consider this issue?
- Since the provisions of the Convention Rights (Compliance) (Scotland) Act 2001 which relate to the power of judges to determine the punishment part of a life sentence came into force, on how many occasions has a judge determined a punishment part of a life sentence be manifestly longer than the life expectancy of the prisoner. Please provide information on the number of whole life tariffs imposed in courts in England and Wales during the same period.