

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1597
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016

Scottish Government/Office of the Chief Scientist—

- What is your view on the petition?
- Whether the Scottish Government has commissioned any research into the apparent increased incidence of Autism in Scotland or whether such research is being undertaken independently?
- Whether new evidence has come to light since the [2002 report](#) that would suggest there is a case for establishing a new expert group to examine the issue.

European Commission—

- Whether the European Commission holds statistics on the incidence of Autism across the EU and if so, the Committee would be grateful if that information were provided.

Department of Health (UK Government)—

- Whether the Department of Health has commissioned any research into the apparent increased incidence of Autism in the UK or whether you are aware of such research taking place independently.