

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1586  
QUESTIONS / ISSUES ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Committee agreed to close the petition under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders on the basis that existing legislation provides adequate powers to address the issue raised by the petition and that stakeholders supported a coordinated approach to invasive non-native species management.

**SESSION 4**

**TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2016**

The Committee agreed to include the petition in its legacy paper.

**Scottish Environment Protection Agency –**

- What progress has been made on the research cited into biocontrol organisms as a means to reduce the impact of invasive non-native species?
- Are enough financial resources being allocated to tackle invasive non-native species given the problem appears to be getting worse and the figures provided appear to suggest that less money is being spent on the issue annually?
- Has SEPA issued a statutory control agreement and if so what was the outcome?
- Who has the right to carry out the legal removal of invasive non-native species?
- What information or guidance is publically available on weekdays and weekends to advise the correct agency to contact about the growth and/or legal removal of invasive non-native species?

**TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015**

**Scottish Government –**

- What is your view on the petition?
- What is the number of private landowners in Scotland who have been reported and prosecuted under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (or other relevant legislation) for failure to treat any invasive non-native species and what amount in fines has been applied to each prosecution?

**Scottish Natural Heritage / Scottish Environment Protection Agency –**

- What are your views on the petition?
- Can you clarify what role and powers your agency has in enforcing legislation on the invasive nonnative species identified by the petition?

**RSPB Scotland / Scottish Wildlife Trust –**

- What are your views on the petition?