

PE1603/NN

Correspondence to the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills from the Convener of the Public Petitions Committee on 10 September 2019

The Public Petitions Committee considered the above petition at its meeting on 5 September 2019. At that meeting, the Committee agreed to close the petition under Standing Order Rule 15.7 on the basis that an important piece of work has been undertaken by the Committee to highlight the issues raised in the petition including the process and transparency of armed forces visits to schools.

During its discussion, the Committee noted continuing concerns raised by the petitioners in their most recent written submissions of [13 June 2019](#) and [23 August 2019](#) including—

- The balance of material presented in careers information;
- Scottish Government and human rights leadership;
- Parental consultation not being considered in the Deputy First Minister's responses;
- Key stakeholders and experts in children's rights not having been consulted and their views not reflected in the decision-making.

The Committee therefore agreed to draw your attention to these outstanding points for your consideration.

You may wish to note that the petitioners have been advised that if they remain concerned about the issues raised in their petition, they would be able to bring a new petition in the same or substantially similar terms in one year's time. This is provided for in Rule 15.5 of Standing Orders.

The [Official Report](#) of the meeting is now available as well as a video via the [Parliament's TV Service](#).