

PE1713/E

Scottish Government submission of 7 October 2019

The Committee agreed that it would write to the Scottish Government to ask that actions called for in the petition be considered on health grounds and to highlight the need for more research into the health impact of mosquito devices on all children, but particularly on children who have conditions such as autism, which means that they can be highly sensitive to sounds.

As previously advised, the Scottish Government opposes the use of mosquito devices and we have been very proactive in writing to stakeholders and organisations in order to minimise the use of these devices. The Scottish Government will continue working closely with stakeholders, including the Scottish Youth Parliament, and the Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland, on this very important matter.

The Scottish Government will also consult with specialists in relevant fields and give further consideration to the implications and practicalities of banning or limiting the use of these devices. This will allow continued consideration of issues of legislative competence and whether there might be scope for banning these devices either on health or human rights grounds. It will write again to the Committee on these issues in due course.