

Health and Community Care Committee

19th Meeting, 2001

Wednesday 12 September 2001

The Committee will meet at 9.30 am in Chamber, Assembly Hall, The Mound, Edinburgh

1. **Items in private:** The Committee will consider whether to take items 5 and 6 in private.
2. **Time limit on debates:** The Committee will be asked to agree to limit debate on emergency affirmative SSIs to 15 minutes.
3. **Subordinate Legislation:** The Committee will consider the following affirmative instruments—

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amenesic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (No 3) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/255](#))

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) (East Coast) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/256](#))

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amenesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/273](#))

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amenesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 2) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/281](#))

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amenesic, Paralytic and Diarrhetic Shellfish Poisoning) (Orkney) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/282](#))

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amenesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 3) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/284](#))

The Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Amenesic Shellfish Poisoning) (West Coast) (No. 4) (Scotland) Order 2001 ([SSI 2001/289](#))

Subordinate Legislation Committee

30th Report, (Abridged) 2001

Subordinate Legislation

The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Committee met on 4th September 2001 and determined that the attention of the Parliament need not be drawn to the instruments listed at Annexe A. The Committee draws the attention of the Parliament to the response from the Executive to the Committee's questions on the instrument listed at Annexe B.
2. The report is also addressed to the following committees as the lead committees for the instruments specified:

Health and Community Care	SSI 2001/255
	SSI 2001/256
	SSI 2001/273
	SSI 2001/281
	SSI 2001/282
	SSI 2001/284
	SSI 2001/289

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Petitions

Background

1. Annexe A lists three petitions which have recently been circulated to members and were forwarded to the Health and Community Care Committee by the Public Petitions Committee. Copies of the background paper have been sent out to members as they are unavailable in email format.
2. The current position regarding ongoing petitions is attached at Annexe B.

Recommendations

3. The Committee is asked to consider the petitions listed in Annexe A.
4. The Committee is asked to note the current position regarding petitions shown in Annexe B.

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Health and Community Care Committee

NEW PETITIONS – full papers attached

Number	Petitioner	Petition	Current Position
PE 370	Lydia Reid on behalf of Scottish Parents for a Public Enquiry into Organ Retention	Calling for the Scottish Parliament to take the necessary steps to ensure that a full public enquiry is carried out into the issue of organ retention. etc.	
PE 374	Dr Steve Gilbert	Calling for the Scottish Parliament to act urgently and redress the underfunding of Chronic Pain Management Services, to debate the matter in Parliament and to urge the Minister for Health and Community Care and Health Boards to move chronic pain up the health agenda.	<p>Forwarded by the Public Petitions Committee– with a recommendation for information only.</p> <p>The Petitions Committee has agreed to seek the views of the Executive on the issues raised in the petition and awaits an answer</p>
PE 381	Mr Thomas Campbell on behalf of TGWU and UNISON	Calling for the Scottish Parliament to examine the Scottish Ambulance Service’s proposals to close five of its eight Scottish Operations rooms etc.	<p>Forwarded by the Public Petitions Committee– with a recommendation for information only</p> <p>The Petitions Committee has sought the views of the Minister for Health and Community Care and the Scottish Ambulance Service on the issues raised in the petition, highlighting certain additional comments made by members and the petitioners –an answer is awaited</p>

ANNEXE B

Ongoing Petitions

Number	Petitioner	Petition	Current Position
PE 320	John Watson on behalf of World Development Movement	Calling for the Health and Community Care Committee of the Scottish Parliament to examine the possible implications for health policy in Scotland of the World Trade Organisation's liberalisation of trade in services.	John McAllion appointed as Reporter. Time will require to be allotted to this petition – suggested date 19 September.
PE 283	SORRO (Scottish Organisation Relating to the Retention of Organs)	Calling for the Scottish Parliament to initiate a public inquiry into the practice of organ retention at post-mortem without the appropriate parental consent.	The petitioner has commented on the Executive's initial report. (Letter circulated 26 July 2001). The Executive has been asked to supply any comments they have received.
PE 45 and PE 185	West of Scotland Group of the Haemophilia Society and Thomas McKissock	Haemophilia and Hepatitis C	See later item – draft report.
PE 145	Mr Bill Welsh	Vaccinations/Autistic Spectrum Disorder	The Executive's response attached. Member's views are sought.
PE 123	Warm Homes Campaign	Fuel poverty	Dorothy Grace Elder's report to the Committee was originally circulated on 27 June. The Committee agreed to continue the item to allow for members to forward their comments to the clerks. Suggested date for reconsideration 19 September.
PE247	Epilepsy Association of Scotland	Calling for the Scottish Parliament to ensure there are co-ordinated health and social services that will benefit the 30,000 people in Scotland with epilepsy.	Committee agreed on 12 December to await Acute Services Review.

PE223	Mr and Mrs A McQuire	Calling for the Scottish Parliament to ensure that Multiple Sclerosis sufferers in Lothian are not denied the opportunity to be prescribed Beta Interferon.	Agreed on 27 June to await NICE report.
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Instruments subject to approval

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4. **Petitions:** The Committee will consider a report on petitions.
5. **Annual Report :** The Committee will consider the first draft of the annual report
6. **Petitions PE 185 and 45 on Haemophilia and Hepatitis C:** The Committee will consider a draft report

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The Following papers are attached for this meeting:

Agenda Item 3

Abridged 30th Report, 2001 of the Subordinate Legislation Committee **HC/01/19/1**

Agenda Item 4

Report on Petitions

HC/01/19/2

Agenda Item 5

Draft Committee Annual Report (private paper)

HC/01/19/3

Agenda Item 6

Draft Hepatitis C Report (private paper)

HC/01/19/4