

Petitioner submission of 13 September 2022

PE1837/EE – Provide clear direction and investment for autism support

I would like to inform the committee that I am satisfied with the outcome of the letter sent by the minister. The letter is a safety net that ensures all autistic people in Scotland have the legal right to at least an assessment of their needs, and therefore I would like to ask the committee to close the petition.

I would like to thank the committee, the clerks and parliamentary staff for their continued hard work.

The ethos of a unicameral approach towards committees within the Scottish Parliament, particularly the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, is a success. It allows the opportunity for the general public to help shape a better Scotland. During the lifespan of this petition, there was times members wanted to close, but other members wanted to continue to explore, and as a result there has been a very positive outcome, not only for autistic people, but also for this committee as it reflects the good work the committee is capable of. Therefore, I encourage all committee members to continue to be patient and explore all aspects of petitions before deciding to close.