

Scottish Government submission of 29 November 2022

PE1907/F: Provide funded early learning & childcare for all 2-year olds in Scotland

Thank you for your correspondence of 28th October, relating to Petition PE1907 in the name of Claire Beats, calling on:

“the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to provide funded early learning and childcare for all 2 year olds, removing eligibility criteria for access to services.”

We have previously provided a response to the Petition in written submissions of 4 November 2021 and 10 June 2022.

During consideration of the Petition at a meeting of the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on 26 October 2022, the Committee requested further details from the Scottish Government on the anticipated timetable for expanding early learning and childcare to all 1 and 2 year olds.

On 6 October this year, we published ‘Best Start - Strategic Early Learning and School Age Childcare Plan 2022 to 2026’ which sets out our priorities over the period of the current Parliament, to 2026.

This includes a section on ‘*Progressing the expansion of our childcare offer, including ‘a new early learning and childcare offer for one and two year olds’*. More detail on this can be found here:

[Priority 2 - Best Start - strategic early learning and school age childcare plan 2022 to 2026 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/best-start-2022-2026/pages/2-1-early-learning-and-childcare-2022-to-2026.aspx)

I hope that you find this information helpful.