

Scottish Government submission of 26 October 2023

PE1969/M: Amend the law to fully decriminalise abortion in Scotland

The above petition was published back in September 2022, and the Scottish Government provided a submission to the Committee in [October of 2022](#) setting out our position at that time.

Since our submission was sent to the Committee, the Scottish Government has committed in the 2023-24 Programme for Government to ‘subsequently (following Parliamentary consideration of Ms Mackay MSP’s Safe Access Zones Bill) undertake a review of abortion law to identify potential proposals, by the end of this parliamentary term, for reforms to ensure that abortion services are first and foremost a healthcare matter’.

The commitment can be found on page 27 of the [Programme for Government](#).

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