

PE2169/A: Facilitate a review and upgrade of the teaching resource 'Palestine and Israel, understanding the conflict'

Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills written submission, 23 June 2025

The Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee has requested a response from the Scottish Government to Public Petition PE2169 titled "Facilitate a review and upgrade of the teaching resource 'Palestine and Israel, understanding the conflict'" lodged with the Scottish Parliament.

Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) aims to develop a society based on social justice, equality and respect. It provides opportunities for pupils to develop their understanding of conflicts, as well as issues such as Islamophobia, antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

It is for local authorities to ensure their learners can engage confidently with challenging issues and topics and that balance and impartiality are respected. It is therefore for individual teachers and schools to use their professional judgement to design their curriculum, and which resources they use to support learning and teaching

'Palestine and Israel, understanding the Conflict' is not a Scottish Government or Education Scotland resource. It is owned by the EIS and is available via the EIS website and it is therefore a matter for the EIS to consider if, when and how it wishes to update the resource.