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Dear Elisa

**Petition PE1787 on The Use of Makaton Sign Language in the Legal System**

At its meeting on [28 February 2023](#) the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee considered public petition PE1787 on The Use of Makaton Sign Language in the Legal System. At that meeting the Committee agreed to write to your organisation for any information it holds in relation to the number of requests you may have received over the past 18 months for the provision of Makaton interpreters and to understand what local authorities are doing around the use of an appropriate adult in situations where a person needs support to communicate with the police.

The Committee expects to revisit its consideration of the petition after the Parliament's summer recess. We would therefore welcome a response by **Friday 18 August**, which we hope gives you sufficient time to source the relevant information or data.

Yours sincerely,

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