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request*

Dear Jack for urgent advice 17 May 2004

At its meeting on 12 May 2004, the Public Petitions Committee further considered petition PE535 by Mr Christopher Daly, calling for the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to (a) make an inquiry into past institutional child abuse, in particular for those children who were in the care of the State under the supervision of religious orders and (b) make an unreserved apology for said State bodies and to urge the religious orders to apologise unconditionally.

The Committee agreed to write to you expressing deep concern that the Executive's Looked After Children and Youthwork Department has yet to respond to a request for information by the Committee on 26 March 2003 and to reminders issued on 19 August 2003, 26 September 2003 and 23 November 2003.

Yours sincerely



Michael McMahon MSP
Convener of the Public Petitions Committee

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*Please note attached request
for urgent advice from F.M.
Grateful if you would copy PS/ED
into your reply - (you may
wish to update Mike?)*

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PS/ED [redacted] 25 May 04.