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Dear Trevor

I refer to my letter of 9 October 2002 (enclosed for your information) in relation to petition PE535 by Mr Christopher Daly. This petition is 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 unreserved apology for said State bodies and to urge the religious orders to apologise unconditionally.

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Following its meeting on 8 October 2002 the Committee agreed to seek the Executive's comments on the general issues raised in the petition however, a response is still outstanding.

The Public Petitions Committee is keen to make progress on as many petitions as possible in advance of the forthcoming dissolution of Parliament on 31 March 2003, in advance of the parliamentary elections on 1 May.

I would be grateful therefore if you could ensure that the Executive's comments are submitted as soon as possible and by **14 February**, at the latest. Should you not be in a position to provide a full response, I should be grateful if you would inform the Committee of the reasons why you are unable to do so.

I am grateful for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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