

PE1946/K: To call on the Scottish Government to pay all charges for homeless temporary accommodation

Petitioner written submission, 28 October 2024

This petition is more important than ever in that we are now in a housing and homeless emergency in Scotland where more people are homeless and more of them are in temporary accommodation.

Homeless people are struggling to survive in a harsh cost of living climate in 2024 and it is vital that the state steps in to pay the full costs of the very expensive temporary accommodation from general taxation.

In addition, the full cost of debt to be paid by homeless people back in 2022 was £33.3 million. That figure will have increased substantially since I first wrote this petition. Therefore, I again state that the Scottish Government should recognise that local authorities will never get this debt paid off, therefore this total debt should be written off as stated in the petition.

Homeless people are in dire financial straights and I believe that this petition is more relevant than ever. I would urge members of the Committee to refer the petition on to the appropriate committee of the Scottish Parliament for further consideration given that we living in the middle of a housing and homeless emergency.