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Dear Richard,

### **[PE2004: Abolish the use of Public Private Partnerships in Scotland](#)**

*Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to abolish the use of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) and commit to a new model for financing and managing public infrastructure in Scotland which has safety, quality, value for money and accountability to the taxpayer at its heart.*

As Convener to the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee, I am writing to let you know that we considered the above petition at our meeting of Wednesday 24 January 2024.

As part of our consideration of this petition, we have examined written evidence from the petitioner, the Scottish Government and Scottish Futures Trust, which is available on the [petition history webpage](#). At our meeting on 24 January, the Committee agreed to close the petition under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders on the basis that:

- A working group, which includes MSPs from all parties, has been established to explore alternatives to Public Private Partnerships
- The Scottish Government have provided a response to the recommendations proposed by Jubilee Scotland, and are continuing to work to improve the financing models at its disposal.

In closing the petition, the Committee also agreed to write to the Public Audit Committee to draw its attention to the issues raised in the petition and ask that they be taken into consideration as the Committee continues its work in relation to the Auditor General's briefing paper 'Investing in Scotland's Infrastructure'.

The Official Report of our consideration will be published shortly, and a recording of the meeting is available [online](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Convener