

Tom Minogue

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Sent: 30 October 2013 14:30
To: tomminogue@btinternet.com
Subject: PE1491 - secret society membership declaration by decision makers
Attachments: Witness questionnaire1.doc

Dear Tom

I am writing to confirm that your petition has been formally lodged with the Scottish Parliament and will be considered by the Public Petitions Committee (PPC) at its meeting on **Tuesday 12 November**. The meeting will be held in Edinburgh, and is scheduled to start at **10.00am**. Your petition is provisionally scheduled to be the third of three evidence sessions that day and will be taken at around **11.00 / 11.15 am**.

You can view your petition's webpage at:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/judgesmasonregister>

Invitation to speak to your petition

The Committee has decided to invite you to attend this meeting to enable you to set out in further detail what your petition seeks and why. The intention in hearing from you is not to simply repeat information already provided in the petition; it is an opportunity for you to elaborate, clarify or amplify the issues behind your petition and help broaden the Committee's understanding.

The Committee's invitation is to you, the petitioner, to attend and speak as part of the Committee's preliminary consideration of the petition. Should you wish to request that somebody else be allowed to sit at the Committee table with you, I would be grateful if you would provide their contact details, the organisation or body that they represent or whether they are related to you (and, if so, in what capacity) and their involvement in or knowledge about the issues raised in the petition. This information should be provided a week in advance of the meeting.

At the meeting, the Convener will invite you to make an opening statement of no longer than 5 minutes after which the Committee will move to questions. I would expect the session on your petition to last for around 30 to 45 minutes. The meeting will be held in public and will be broadcast and recorded in the Official Report (the substantially verbatim transcript). If you have any specific requirements in relation to accessing the venue, disabled parking, the services of an interpreter, induction loop facilities, lip speaker or any other aspect of the meeting, please contact me as soon as possible so that these services can be arranged.

Arriving at the Parliament

You should arrive at the public entrance to the Parliament **no later than 10.15am**, to allow time to go through our security procedures. I will arrange for security passes to be ready at the reception desk. Please bring a copy of this email to facilitate the process of reporting to security. Do not wait in any queue outside the building but go directly to the public entrance and make yourself known to security. Following security procedures, a member of the Committee's clerking team will meet you in the **designated witness waiting area**, to which you will be directed on arrival. If you intend to come to the Committee meeting with your MSP, I would be grateful if you would let me know in advance.

Expenses

The Committee can, under some circumstances, agree to meet travel or other expenses incurred by witnesses / petitioners attending its meetings. If you think you may wish to make such a claim, please contact me or another member of the clerking team.

I have attached a copy of the PPC's **Witness Questionnaire** form and would be grateful if you could complete and return this to me.

I have also attached a link to our witness leaflet and map:

[Appearing before a Scottish Parliament committee – what you need to know](#)

The agenda and papers for the meeting can be found on the Parliament's website at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/29869.aspx> on the Thursday before the meeting. A Minute of the meeting and the Official Report referred to above will be produced following the meeting and will also be published on the Parliament's website

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss the meeting in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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