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**Sent:** Thursday, 14 November 2013, 12:22  
**Subject:** RE: For the attention of the Convener. Keeping You Informed 002 (3).pdf - Adobe Acrobat Professional

Dear Anne, your apologies are accepted of course and they are welcome, but they do not remedy the imbalance that your oversight and the actions, or rather the omissions of the Scottish Parliament Information Centre, (SPICe) have caused.

I say imbalance because you have a SPICe briefing paper prepared for the PPC's consideration and it deals extensively with one of the (if not the) main plank of Grand Lodge's submissions, namely the Home Affairs rules being overturned unilaterally by Home Secretary, Jack Straw, and two court cases mentioned in his statement.

By complete contrast you do not have one of the main planks of my case, the Domstol documents before the committee, which I could not have included in my original petition as confirmation of the status of Norwegian judges was not confirmed until 1st October 2013, some two months after my petition was submitted.

As if the negative imbalance on my petition compared to Grand Lodge's counter petition, was not big enough, SPICe did not include the published case of the Commissioners for Social Security Appeal verdict on Victor Duncan, which should be in the parliament's records.

So the PPC can belatedly be appraised of my case but they have decided to proceed in asking for comments from sources such as Police Scotland which can only be as a result of the Grand Lodge submission, while at the

same time ignoring the Norwegian Court Administration Service and the Social Security Commissioners.

These bodies should have been contacted for their views if all relevant material about my petition had been fully taken account of by SPICE and the clerking team.

You have the Norwegian documents now and I attach a link to the appeal decision of the Social Security Commissioner, Anne C McGavin, [LINK](#) and I would ask that the views of both organisations, which produced these documents be canvassed for their opinions so that the next meeting of the PPC can fairly judge my petition against the counter petition of Grand Lodge.

I realise that the TEN pages of submissions from Grand Lodge are not technically speaking a petition but they have widened the remit of my petition by eliciting a request for the views of Police Scotland, a body that was never mentioned by me other than in the fact it was the prevalence of freemasonry in the police force (Fife Constabulary) that caused me to petition parliament in the first place.

Is it normal for a petition such as mine, which you personally have insisted be reduced because it was "too wordy" be countered by such a far greater volume of submissions than my own from a party that opposes the petition, before the petitioner has even given their opening address?

I believe in fairness and equity of arms and the admission of the Grand Lodge Opus and the exclusion of my Norwegian Papers, Guardian article and Social Security Commissioners Appeal decision result in an imbalance in favour of information from the Grand Lodge who are not a party to the petition.

I will copy this letter to the Convener, who has promised that my petition will be treated fairly, and ask that he redresses the current imbalance by placing the missing data before a meeting of the PPC for discussion with a view to writing to obtain the views of the two relevant bodies my documents emanate from.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance in redressing the issues caused in part by your administrative failures.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Minogue, petitioner.

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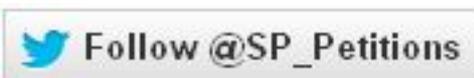
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Tom

Thanks for sending this on again. I confirm that we will publish it as a submission from you.

Apologies for not having picked this up when Chris originally forwarded it on to me - entirely my fault. Not sure what happened other than it came in at a time when I had a lot of emails to deal with and it was inadvertently overlooked.

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