

Accountability Scotland lodged a petition in May 2013 to maintain an independent Scottish Administrative Justice Council post abolition of the AJTC. Accountability Scotland wrote to the Minister in April 2014 to voice concerns re the funding and effectiveness of the STAJAC, and other issues it has with the SPSO.

The Justice Committee wrote to the Chair of the STAJAC on 3 June, requesting information on the extent to which the end user is represented on the Committee. The Justice Committee also wrote to Accountability Scotland requesting further information on its concerns.

The Justice Committee considered the Petition PE 1449 on 4 November and debated the responses from the STAJAC, and from the petitioners. Following the debate the Justice Committee agreed to close the petition. In doing so, however, it agreed to draw the Scottish Government's attention to the submissions from Mr Hinton and Accountability Scotland which are attached.