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To: All Branches

Dear Colleagues,

Scottish Parliament Debate 1 October 2019 - Review of Dog Attacks and Dog Control Laws

LTBs, 444/19 and 553/19 updated Branches on the Scottish Parliamentary Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee Review of Dog Attacks and Dog Control Legislation in Scotland.

Following extensive lobbying by the CWU, followed by both written and oral evidence given to the Scottish Public Inquiry, the Scottish Parliamentary Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee has published a very strong, hard hitting Report and Recommendations welcomed by the Union in which the MSPs agreed with the CWU that the dog laws have been ineffective.

The Scottish Government has responded to the PAPLS Committee's Report and is due to debate the Report and response on Tuesday 1st October 2019.

The Communication Workers Union has written to Ash Denham the Scottish Parliament Minister for Community Safety urging the Government to accept the Report and Recommendations in full and has also written to all MSPs of all parties asking for their support when the debate takes place and decisions are made.

This item was also covered by the Scottish Times on Sunday 29th September, a copy of which is attached.

Yours sincerely



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