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Current Petitions: Building Regulations (Thermostatic Mixing Valves) (PE786)

The Convener: Petition PE786 is by Alan Masterton, on behalf of the Scottish Burned Children's Club. The petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Executive to include in the Scottish building regulations a mandatory requirement for thermostatic mixing valves to be installed in the hot water systems of all new-build and renovated properties.

At its meeting on 24 November, the committee agreed to invite the views of the Minister for Communities, the Scottish Building Standards Agency, the Thermostatic Mixing Valve Manufacturers Association and the Scottish and Northern Ireland Plumbing Employers Federation. The responses have been received and circulated. Do members have any views?

Helen Eadie: Perhaps we could write to the Scottish Building Standards Agency to ask for an update with regard to the working group that it said it would establish early in 2005 to review section 4 of the technical handbooks for the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

John Scott: I agree. We might do this as a matter of course, but we should also pass on the correspondence to the SBSA, because we have received worthwhile letters from the SNIPEF and other bodies, which have moved on the discussion in a sensible and worthwhile way.

The Convener: The petition is worth while. The committee was unanimous that we wanted to pursue the issue vigorously. If we pass on the correspondence, we can be said to be doing that.

John Scott: Yes. I am certainly concerned about the danger of legionella. A sensible solution must be found at minimum cost, but the petition is a good one.