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I've just been informed of a change to the Petitions Committee agenda for tomorrow. Our item has been moved from circa 11am to circa 10.30am (see below for details).

Also I have just had it confirmed that two lions and three tigers owned by members of a well-known circus family are being overwintered in a field at a croft near Inverallochy in Aberdeenshire. They are being kept in their beast wagon cages and exercised/trained in a larger outside caged area which I'm told is at least as big as the area they perform in when in the Big Top. All relevant legislation appears to be adhered to. I am sure that will be a great comfort to these animals! Now is the time to ask the Scottish Government why they have not yet brought in new legislation on circus animals although that may only cover animals when they are performing and not while they are in winter quarters. I'll be raising this with other groups which want to see animals legally liberated from circuses to see if we can co-operate on this.

Cheers, John

Back to seals:

The Petitions Committee will consider Petition PE1519 and the recent submissions when it meets tomorrow, Tuesday 28th October. The meeting starts at 10.00am and Petition PE1519 should be discussed at circa **10.30am**.

You can read the submissions via this link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/29869.aspx>

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<http://www.scottishparliament.tv/?vid=live-committee-room-1>

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