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*Dear Christine*

Thank you for your letter of 23 February about a petition received from Mr C Payne in relation to school crossing patrols.

Responsibility for the operation and management of the school crossing patrol service sits with the local authorities. It is therefore a matter for them to make their own informed decisions on the provision of such a service based on local circumstances and policies.

One would expect issues such as the number of children walking to and from schools and traffic flows at the sites in question to be taken into account when assessing the need for school crossing patrols however, the decision of the level of cover at individual sites rests with the local authorities.

Transport Grant is for capital purposes only, such as the provision of infrastructure works which make it safer and more accessible for children to walk and cycle to school. The grant cannot be used for revenue purposes, in this case, the provision of school crossing patrols.

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## Response from the petitioner

25-03-2011

Dear Petitions committee,

I have read the deputy first ministers answer and must say that it misses the point of my petition. I fully realize that the transport grant is for capital works and cannot fund school patrols. What I am trying to do is highlight the dichotomy of WAG funding safer routes to schools on the one hand whilst at the same time, the councils act to make the routes more unsafe by removing SCP. The purpose of the petition is designed to hold councils to ransom: if they removed SCP, then they would not get transport grant. Can this please be explained to him and all relevant peoples and the issue re-addressed?

best regards.

C. Payne