

## Written Parliamentary Questions tabled by Peter Peacock on the effect of cuts in educational expenditure on Highland Council

To ask the Scottish Executive how the plans Highland council has to reduce teacher numbers fits with its commitment to reduce class sizes.

To ask the Scottish Executive how many teachers it expects Highland Council to employ to meet its class size reduction pledges.

To ask the Scottish Executive whether it believes support for the vital services provided by the voluntary sector in the Highlands should be rising or falling at present.

To ask the Scottish Executive whether meeting the provisions contained in the Additional Support for Learning Act are likely to be enhanced in the Highlands by Highland Council's cuts in additional support for learning spending.

To ask the Scottish Executive whether it believes the terms of the agreement for teaching in the 21st century will be met in the Highlands as a result of the recent budget decisions by Highland Council.

To ask the Scottish Executive whether Councils are under any statutory duty to hold financial reserves of any particular scale.

To ask the Scottish Executive whether it is a matter for the discretion of a Council alone how much it holds in financial reserves, having considered any guidance or advice from the Accounts Commission.

To ask the Scottish Executive whether it puts cutting taxes for business ahead of improving education and care services in its priorities.