**2014 State of the Nation: Annual Report Evidence Submission**

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**Call for evidence questions**

These questions correspond to those detailed in Annual Report 2014 Call for Evidence document.

Please reply only to those questions which are relevant to you or your organisation. The deadline for responses is **Friday 11 July**. Completed forms should be sent to: CONTACT@smcpcommission.gsi.gov.uk.

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| 1. **Overall assessment**

*What progress has been made in the last year in reducing child poverty and improving social mobility?* |
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| 1. **Next steps**

*As the Commission has previously argued, the UK is not on course to end child poverty in 2020, and prospects for social mobility are mixed. Ahead of an election next year, we are interested in your thoughts on how future governments should respond to this.*  |
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| 1. **Early years and education**

*Early years providers and schools have a crucial role to play in improving the life chances of children from less advantaged backgrounds.*  *What is happening on the ground to early years provision given financial and other pressures?*  *How positive factors like falling worklessness and the pupil premium net out against rising child poverty and other spending reductions in how disadvantaged and squeezed middle children are doing at school?* |
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| 1. **Higher education**

*Widening participation in higher education, including at the most selective universities, is critical to social mobility. What progress has been made in access to universities?*  |
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| 1. **Contribution of employers**

*Government cannot tackle poverty and improve social mobility alone and the whole of society will need to play its part. The role of employers is particularly important.*  |
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| 1. **The nations**

*Scotland and Wales face distinctive challenges in tackling poverty and improving social mobility and the Scottish and Welsh Governments have a crucial role to play in achieving these goals. What are the distinctive challenges and progress made in each nation? What can be done to tackle poverty for workless households and those in rural areas? How are gaps in socio-economic educational attainment being addressed?*  |
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| 1. **The local perspective**

*Scotland and Wales face distinctive challenges in tackling poverty and improving social mobility and the Scottish and Welsh Governments have a crucial role to play in achieving these goals. Particularly, what pressures on local government in relation to provision for children and young people (for example, childcare, early intervention services, youth services, housing) and innovative responses? How are local authorities responding to youth unemployment and welfare reform? What further powers could be devolved to cities and local areas?*  |
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| 1. **Any other comments**
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