



AEA statement on the Electoral Commission review of MP recall petitions

The Electoral Commission have today (10 October 2019) published a [report on MP recall petitions](#), particularly focusing on those in the Peterborough and Brecon & Radnorshire constituencies.

AEA Chief Executive Peter Stanyon, said: "With three recall petitions having now taken place, it is incredibly helpful to review and share emerging good practice.

"Petition Officers and electoral administrators in Peterborough and Powys did an exceptional job overcoming practical challenges, and their hard work must be acknowledged – particularly as each petition coincided with large-scale elections, placing additional strain on resources.

"It is also evident that the legislation needs further clarification. While we welcome the Commission's recommendation on reviewing the appropriate length of time for the petition period, we would go further and question if a petition needs to remain open once the percentage threshold of signatures has been reached."

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