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Dear Derek,

Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit

At its first meeting today, during consideration of its work programme, the new Justice Committee noted your 20 May letter to the clerk, in which you indicated that publication of your Assurance Review of Police Scotland's Counter Corruption Unit, previously scheduled for mid-May, would likely be delayed. We noted the reasons you gave for the delay and your aim of having the report of the review laid in the Parliament before summer recess, sometime in the week of 27 June.

The Committee understands your explanation that the initial timescale has proven challenging, and notes your undertaking to seek to have the report published before summer recess. However, given the strong public interest in this matter, it would be disappointing if slippages in the timetabling of the review resulted in there being no Parliamentary scrutiny of any matters raised in your report until the autumn. From the point of view of the Committee, the key date is 28 June, which is likely to be its final meeting before the summer recess.

Accordingly, I am writing on behalf of the Committee to respectfully request that you use all of your endeavours to ensure that the report is published by no later than the morning of Monday 27 June. Publication by this date and time would provide just

enough time for the Committee to give preliminary consideration to the review at its 28 June meeting, and decide what further action, if any, to take in response to the points it raises, before the recess.

The Committee also agreed to invite you to give evidence at the 28 June meeting, in order to speak to the main findings of your review.

For the avoidance of any doubt, I should make clear that the Committee fully accepts the importance of protecting the integrity of any ongoing judicial proceedings that may be relevant to your investigations, and would take all necessary steps to ensure that that integrity is protected in any scrutiny arising from your review.

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by no later than Tuesday 21 June.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Mitchell' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Margaret Mitchell MSP
Convener, Justice Committee