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Dear Margaret,

Post-legislative scrutiny of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010

As you are aware, our Committee's remit was changed at the start of this session to include post-legislative scrutiny. I am writing to inform you, as the Convener of the relevant subject committee, that we will be conducting post-legislative scrutiny on an act within your subject area; namely, the [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#).

Our post-legislative scrutiny will be restricted to Section 97 of the Act, which put the National Fraud Initiative on a statutory footing. This came to our attention during an evidence session with Audit Scotland on the most recent National Fraud Initiative exercise.

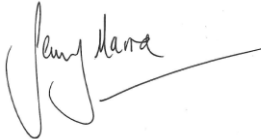
Our scrutiny of this Act will include considering the following questions:

- What have been the benefits, financial and otherwise, of putting the National Fraud Initiative on a statutory footing?
- Could the legislation be strengthened in any way?
- Should participation in the National Fraud Initiative be improved? Are there any bodies who do not participate in the National Fraud Initiative who should do so?

We have written to all public bodies in Scotland to seek their views on this. We will keep you updated on any further work we do, including any future oral evidence sessions, for your information. We will also post all relevant information on our webpage, which can be viewed here:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/103301.aspx>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Marra', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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