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Dear Margaret,

At the Justice Committee meeting on 7 February, in response to a question from Liam McArthur, MSP, I undertook to provide the Committee with the latest Police Scotland figures on statutory stop and search.

This information, which has been extracted from Police Scotland's Management Information published on its website at <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search/stop-and-search-data-publication/>, is set out in Annex A. I also attach a breakdown showing the total statutory and consensual searches for each period (Annex B).

The establishment of Police Scotland's Stop and Search database in June 2015 has significantly improved the way in which stop and search statistics are recorded, ensuring a greater level of transparency and accountability.

A copy of this letter has been sent to Mary Fee, MSP, Convener of the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing.

I hope this is helpful.

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ANNEX A

Table 1.4
Number of Statutory and Consensual Searches -
Police Scotland

Period: June - March 2015/16

2015/16		
Local Authority	Statutory Searches	Consensual Searches

NORTH

Highland	1,612	62
Orkney Islands	37	3
Shetland Islands	384	5
Eilean Siar	94	4
Aberdeen City	2,275	278
Aberdeenshire	694	54
Moray	177	58
Perth & Kinross	1 151	184
Dundee	1 304	146
Angus	518	78

EAST

Fife	537	151
East Lothian	417	65
Edinburgh City	3,028	392
Midlothian	365	85
Scottish Borders	260	64
West Lothian	407	104
Clackmannanshire	141	22
Falkirk	519	51
Stirling	599	91

WEST

Argyll & Bute	1,347	284
East Ayrshire	1,086	282
East Dunbartonshire	747	326
East Renfrewshire	481	123
Glasgow City	14,453	2,601
Inverclyde	1,016	152
North Ayrshire	645	258
North Lanarkshire	2 461	659
Renfrewshire	2 863	487
South Ayrshire	949	337
South Lanarkshire	2,365	1,443
West Dunbartonshire	1,217	281
Dumfries & Galloway	754	115

FORCE	44,903	9,245
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Table 1.4**Number of Statutory and Consensual Searches -
Police Scotland**

Period: April - September 2016/17

2016/17 Local Authority	Statutory Searches	Consensual Searches
NORTH		
Highland	955	16
Orkney Islands	23	-
Shetland Islands	228	-
Eilean Siar	26	4
Aberdeen City	1,097	28
Aberdeenshire	532	17
Moray	144	5
Perth & Kinross	570	6
Dundee	562	16
Angus	249	4
EAST		
Fife	438	108
East Lothian	107	3
Edinburgh City	824	50
Midlothian	142	6
Scottish Borders	149	14
West Lothian	142	22
Clackmannanshire	57	-
Falkirk	383	7
Stirling	318	16
WEST		
Argyll & Bute	458	25
East Ayrshire	280	19
East Dunbartonshire	400	58
East Renfrewshire	350	12
Glasgow City	7,503	274
Inverclyde	443	13
North Ayrshire	321	20
North Lanarkshire	769	32
Renfrewshire	1,234	42
South Ayrshire	213	9
South Lanarkshire	847	24
West Dunbartonshire	503	13
Dumfries & Galloway	398	25
FORCE	20,665	888

TOTAL STATUTORY AND CONSENSUAL STOP AND SEARCH

	June to Aug	Sep to Dec	Jan to March	Cumulative 2015/16	Apr to June	Jul to Sep	Cumulative 2016/17
Total Stop and Search	22,787	20,138	11,223	54,148	11,363	10,190	21,553
Statutory	16,427	17,828	10,648	44,903	10,814	9,851	20,665
Consensual	6,360	2,310	575	9,245	549	339	888
Statutory %	72.09	88.53	94.88	82.93	95.17	96.67	95.88