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Dear Margaret,

Thank you for your letter of 14 December requesting whether the trade unions would be involved in discussions on the memorandum of understanding between the Police Service and the Police Investigations and Review Commissioner, through the Police Scotland programme board for implementation of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016.

The Scottish Police Federation, Association of Scottish Police Superintendents and the trade unions are invited to the Police Scotland Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 Project and Programme Boards.

Police Scotland have informed my officials that an update around the PIRC related working arrangements and the work relating to the draft Memorandum of Understanding was provided at the Project Board on 15 November. This was attended by the Scottish Police Federation and the Association of Police Superintendents, but trade unions representatives were unable to attend.

I understand that an update will be provided at the next Project Board meeting on 12 January 2018.

I hope you find this helpful.

Best wishes
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