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Dear Mr Foley

The Justice sub-committee on policing met on Thursday 10 November to consider its forward work programme and agreed to write to you to request written updates on a number of issues—

1. In light of the recently cancelled i6 IT programme, information on the current and future plans for Police Scotland's IT system and the potential impact of these plans on operational policing, staff, services and the ability to meet identified efficiency savings.
2. The progress made, and timetable for, the implementation of the recommendations in HMICS' 2015 Independent Assurance Review Police Scotland - Call Handling Final Report, which are to be fully implemented before consideration is given to closing any further police control rooms, and an update on tackling issues, such as the loss of local knowledge and training for staff, relating to the centralisation of the 101 service.
3. Police body cameras were used by some legacy forces on a pilot basis. The sub-committee would appreciate information on the outcome of those pilot schemes and the current policy on the use of body cameras.
4. Section 44 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides that the chief constable must designate a constable as local commander who may cover more than one local authority area and section 45 provides that

the local commander will be responsible for (a) preparing the local police plan which is to be approved by the local authority, and (b) reporting to local authorities on the carrying out of police functions in their local area. The sub-committee would appreciate an assessment from the SPA on how the designation of local commanders is working in practice.

The Sub-Committee has written in similar terms to Police Scotland in relation to the points above; to HM Inspector of Constabulary in relation to point 2; and to all of Scotland's local authorities in relation to point 4.

It would be appreciated if these updates could be provided by Friday 16 December 2016.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary Fee'.

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