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Dear Derek,

SPA GOVERNANCE AND TRANSPARENCY

As you will be aware, there has been ongoing public and parliamentary interest in the governance of the Scottish Police Authority, as illustrated by the meeting of the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee today. The focus of interest has been around openness and transparency in the way SPA conducts its business.

You have set out your intention to undertake a statutory inspection into the state, efficiency and effectiveness of the Authority in the course of 2017/18. Having reflected on the level of interest in these matters I am writing to ask you to bring forward those aspects of your planned review that relate to transparency and accountability.

I am keen to see this work move forward and would be grateful if you could confirm that you would be able to progress work in this area over the course of the next month. I would also be keen that I and my officials are kept apprised of how you would intend to approach this work and of progress.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Flanagan and John Foley.

Best wishes
Michael Matheson
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