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Dear Mary

#### **SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY**

Following recent public and parliamentary interest in the governance of the Scottish Police Authority, I have asked Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary in Scotland to bring forward aspects of his intended statutory inspection into the state, efficiency and effectiveness of the Authority scheduled for 2017/18. The specific areas I have asked him to focus on in this early work are transparency and accountability.

I attach a copy of the letter that have sent to HMICS in this regard. I am pleased to say that HMICS has confirmed that he is able to undertake this work which will be progressed over the course of the next month.



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