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Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

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Dear Ms Imery

At its meeting of 25 October the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing agreed to take evidence at a future meeting on Police Scotland's role in the immigration process.

One of the issues that the Sub-Committee wishes to consider is the use of Police Scotland's resources to detain those removed from their residential properties on behalf of the Home Office, under UK immigration legislation powers. The Sub-Committee would appreciate your view on this issue and confirmation of whether this is an area of work which is included in your future work programme.

The Sub-Committee is aware that the issue of the detention of immigrants and the effective management of foreign national offenders across Police Scotland was considered within the HMICS [Thematic Inspection of Police Custody Arrangements in Scotland](#) in 2014.

An outcome of that work was the creation of the Foreign National Offenders Strategic Governance Group which was tasked with overseeing the delivery of Operation Nexus, which was a joint campaign between Specialist Crime Division International Assistance Unit, Custody Division and Home Office Immigration Enforcement. The operation was to ensure that all possible routes for gathering information and intelligence on foreign national offenders were explored.

The Sub-Committee would appreciate your view on whether this group resolved the custody issues HMICS identified in its inspection report or whether there are on-going issues that are still to be addressed.

If this information could be received by Friday 9 November 2018 that would be appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Finnie', written in a cursive style.

John Finnie MSP
Convener, Justice Sub-Committee on Policing