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Dear *Iain*

Undercover policing - former Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency

I am writing to you regarding your planned next steps in considering the findings of Lord Brailsford, who found in favour of a former undercover police officer regarding her unfair treatment after she expressed fears that a colleague within the former Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA) had compromised covert operations.

In your report to the SPA Board meeting of 22 May, you indicated that the internal review that you had commissioned had been completed and that the events that were alleged to have taken place in the SCDEA, as described in the recent civil action, were "wholly unsatisfactory and unprofessional".

You informed the Board that you had asked the Metropolitan Police to carry out an independent peer-review, and that once this was concluded, you would consider what further action to take, recognising the need for public confidence in undercover policing.

The Sub-Committee would appreciate it if you could provide details of the remit of the review to be undertaken by the Metropolitan police, its authority and responsibilities, the proposed timescale for completion, who the Metropolitan police are to report to, and whether the report will be made public.

A response by 21 June 2019 would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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