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Dear Convener,

EXTENDED USE OF CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE (CED) (TASER) TO NON-FIREARMS OFFICERS (SPECIALLY TRAINED OFFICERS)

Further to the report provided at the SPA Board on 19 December 2017, I write to update you about the extended use of CED (Taser) to Specially Trained Officers (STOs) in Scotland.

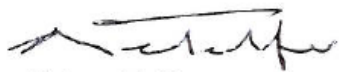
As of 28 May 2018, Police Scotland will commence the training of approximately 500 uniformed police officers to be equipped with a CED (Taser), who will be termed STO's. These officers will then be returned to operational duties in their local communities from the beginning of June.

These officers will be at the heart of local policing in all thirteen divisions across Scotland, helping to keep their colleagues and the public safe and bringing Police Scotland into line with other forces throughout the UK.

STOs will be deployed in urban and rural areas across the country, giving local policing commanders access to enhanced security and protection for their communities. The total number of officers equipped with Taser will equate to just under 3% of the total officers currently within Police Scotland.

I trust this is of assistance, however should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Telfer', with a horizontal line above the name.

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