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Dear ACC Steve Johnson

### Undercover policing

The Justice Sub-Committee on Policing held an evidence session on HM Inspectorate of Constabulary in Scotland's strategic review of undercover policing in Scotland, on 8 February 2018.

During the evidence session the former Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson, told the Sub-Committee that Police Scotland had established a steering group, which you would chair, to oversee delivery of the 19 recommendations in the report.

Following the evidence session, the Sub-Committee agreed to keep a watching brief on the implementation of the recommendations within HMICS' Strategic Review of Undercover Policing.

The Sub-Committee would appreciate an update on the work that the steering group has undertaken to date to implement the 19 recommendations, including any agreed timescales, and details of the action plan that HMICS asked Police Scotland to create to address the recommendations. Could you also provide comment on the recent media coverage regarding Police Scotland's characterisation and surveillance of those protesting against shale oil and gas extraction and unconventional oil and gas extraction in Scotland as 'domestic extremists'.

Yours sincerely

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