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Dear Susan

Remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS)

I am writing to you regarding recent media reports that Police Scotland has purchased two remotely piloted aircraft systems (RPAS), which are to be based in Aberdeen and Inverness, and become operational from 1 May 2019.

It would be appreciated if you could provide the Sub-Committee with details of the Scottish Police Authority's consideration of the policy proposal to introduce the use of RPAS to policing in Scotland. This should include:

- the details of the timeline of the procurement process for acquiring the equipment;
- consideration of the data protection, community impact and equalities and human rights impact assessments; and
- consideration of the communication and engagement strategy to be undertaken prior to introducing the use of this new technology.

A response by Wednesday 8 May 2019 would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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