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Dear ACC MacDonald

Facial Recognition inquiry

The Justice Sub-Committee on Policing is to undertake an inquiry into *facial recognition: how policing in Scotland makes use of this technology*.

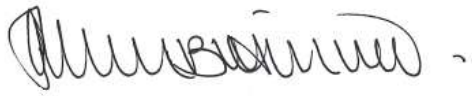
In your letter of 12 September, you refer to Police Scotland's practice of using retrospective facial recognition to upload images to the UK Police National Database. Could you please provide details of when this practice started and the regulatory basis for it? Also, details of how these images are collected by Police Scotland, the approval process to upload them to the PND, the retention periods and whether these are met, the purpose of sharing these images and how they might be used.

In your response to the Sub-Committee's call for evidence could you also please provide details of any other retrospective facial recognition software that Police Scotland use, the purpose, and who the images are shared with. For example, images accessed via CCTV, body worn video cameras and mobile devices. Could you also please confirm the public and private sector bodies who provide images to Police Scotland.

The Sub-Committee would also appreciate details of the human rights, privacy, equalities, data protection and community impact assessments that have been carried out prior to the introduction of the use of retrospective facial recognition software by Police Scotland.

The call for evidence deadline is Friday 1 November 2019, and therefore a response by that date would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Finnie', with a small dash at the end.

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Convener, Justice Sub-Committee on Policing