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Dear ACC MacDonald

Facial Recognition inquiry

Thank you for submitting written evidence to the Sub-Committee's inquiry into how policing in Scotland makes use of facial recognition technology.

In your submission you indicate that Police Scotland are not currently using, trialling or testing any live time facial recognition software.

It would be helpful if you could provide further clarification on the equipment, fixed or mobile, which Police Scotland use which has the capacity to access facial recognition technology, or which already does so.

The Sub-Committee has received evidence of facial recognition and facial matching technology, retrospective and live, that is used in a range of technology by police services in England and Wales.

Could you please clarify whether any equipment used by Police Scotland has, or has the capability, to use facial recognition or facial matching technology. This should include body worn video cameras, mobile devices, automatic number plate recognition, drones, police helicopters, and fixed or mobile cameras.

Could you also please provide details of any plans to roll-out the use of body worn video cameras to frontline police officers, and the anticipated timeframe.

A response by Thursday 9 January would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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