

Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee
National Fraud Initiative
Submission from Scottish Funding Council

With regard to your specific questions:

- In relation to SFC's own participation, placing the Initiative on a statutory basis has had no impact. However, we recognise that the position might be different for other organisations.
- We are not aware of any aspects of the legislation which need to be strengthened.
- Neither are we aware of any issues with regard to participation in the National Fraud Initiative.
- More generally, we recognise the likelihood that the National Fraud Initiative has a significant deterrent effect, which, by its very nature, is difficult to measure.

Yours sincerely,

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