

**Supplementary evidence from Police Scotland, following their appearance at the meeting on Wednesday 6 March 2019**

Dear Mr Farrell

Firstly, thanks to your staff for the warm welcome to the Scottish Parliament this morning. I should be grateful if you would bring to the Convenor's attention an amendment to a verbal answer I provided in response to one of the questions asked by Mr John Finnie MSP, the error for which is entirely mine.

Since leaving the session, I have been advised by one of the managers in the Scottish Safety Camera Programme that in fact, the Mobile Safety Camera Units (operating from liveried vans) do have the technical capability to be deployed within 20 MPH zones and the speed detection equipment on board is calibrated appropriately for evidential purposes. Some mobile units have very occasionally been deployed in 20 MPH zones in support of operations mounted by City of Edinburgh Local Policing Division and they will continue to be so when other priorities allow. However, they are most commonly deployed on other routes and to prominent crash locations as governed by 'The Handbook'.

For clarity, it is the fixed site speed cameras (contained in grey boxes by the roadside) that are meantime not calibrated to provide evidence for speeding offences below 30 MPH thresholds. I understand that the Scottish Safety Camera Programme is considering this issue amongst others as part of its regular maintenance and development programme for existing and newly purchased speed detection equipment.

Further information about the important work of the Scottish Safety Camera Programme and the criteria applied for operational deployments can be found on the Scottish Government website where the Annual Progress Report 2017/18 is published.

I apologise sincerely to the Convenor and Committee Members, Mr Finnie in particular, for misspeaking about the technical capabilities of the Mobile Safety Camera Units which Police Scotland is committed to using to best effect in promoting responsible driving and adherence to speed limits.

Yours sincerely,  
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