Justice Committee

Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths etc. (Scotland) Bill

Written submission from the Scottish Police Federation

The Scottish Police Federation (SPF) is grateful for the opportunity to comment on the Bill.

The SPF is supportive of the Bill which if passed should make the Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) process quicker, more efficient and increase flexibility.

Choosing locations where FAIs are to be held must take cognisance of the location of family members and witnesses as there may be a considerable financial impact on those involved.

Investigation into deaths which occur abroad will undoubtedly have a financial implication for the Police Service of Scotland which is not reflected in the Financial Memorandum accompanying the Bill at a time when there is already significant pressure on the police budget.

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General Secretary
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