Supplementary written submission from Matt Quinn

I have a question which I believe would be relevant to the proposed merger and would be genuinely interested in the answer to.

Given the financial crisis experienced by PolScot, where would the merger leave the projection of their finances and the cost incurred by the railway?

Notably as PolScot does not follow a national policing model, I believe Scotland has to pay tax on the money it spends on policing. If it takes on the function and funding of BTP- would it have to pay further taxes on this money? If so - how would that affect their finances and the resources they could afford to the network compared to BTP?

Further - what affect would losing a dedicated police service have on the insurance costs incurred by the railway in Scotland? I believe when the docks lost BTP their insurance went up incredibly due to the loss of the dedicated, specialist force.

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