

Audrey Nicoll MSP Convener Criminal Justice Committee

By email only

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Dear Audrey,

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2025 and for sharing the Criminal Justice Committee's work on the implications of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) for Scotland's criminal justice system. Your letter was shared with the members of the Justice Committee.

I acknowledge the valuable research Gemma Davies and Helena Ferrand Carrapicco have undertaken on behalf of your Committee. The evidence you have collected will no doubt contribute to informed scrutiny of the UK Government's approach to the forthcoming TCA review.

At present, the Justice Committee has a full work programme and does not intend to undertake work on this topic. However, we will closely watch the outcome of the TCA review and consider issues arising from that which affect the UK Justice system. We appreciate your offer to liaise with us should circumstances change.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

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