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By email

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Dear Stephen

I am writing to you following publication of the evidence provided by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) to the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee on the UEFA European Championship (Scotland) Bill on 8 October 2019.

In its evidence COPFS sets out that for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games Act 2008 (“2008 Act”) it received four reported cases, all for offences of ticket touting. At the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee meeting on 3 October 2019 and in my subsequent correspondence to you, the Scottish Government indicated that there were no prosecutions arising from the 2008 Act during the period of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. The information on prosecutions was provided by Glasgow City Council in good faith based on information available to it. It has now become apparent this did not include four cases of ticket touting that were passed to COPFS. I would like to apologise to the Committee that the information provided previously was not correct.

The Scottish Government will discuss these cases with COPFS to see if it can share any further information that might help to inform development of the Bill and associated regulations, or assist with future enforcement activity.

I would like to assure the Committee that, subject to the Bill being approved by Parliament, the Scottish Government will work with Glasgow City Council and other organisations to ensure that robust information on infringements, including any cases passed to COPFS, is collected for Euro 2020.

Yours sincerely



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