

LETTER SENT BY EMAIL

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Convener - Justice Committee
The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Convener

Contractual End to i6

I am writing to inform the Justice Committee that today, Friday 1 July 2016, I formally signed a settlement agreement ending the SPA's contract with Accenture for the delivery of the i6 programme.

Whilst it is disappointing that i6 will not now be delivered as expected, despite the best efforts of the SPA, Police Scotland and Accenture, it was clear that the technical solution cannot be delivered within expected timeframes and budget. The decision has therefore been taken to end the contract and reconsider options for securing a sustainable IT solution for policing.

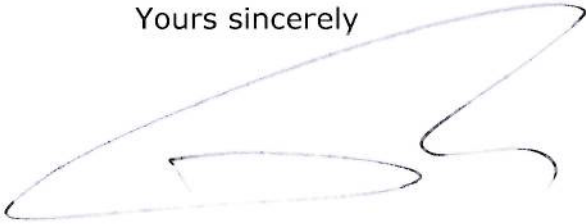
The i6 programme was underpinned by robust contract arrangements and subject to regular review and assurance. The contract has been ended and a mutually agreed settlement has been signed by all parties. The terms of the agreement are commercially confidential, however we can confirm that the settlement includes all costs paid to Accenture under the contract and results in no financial detriment to the police budget as a result.

I would seek to reassure the Justice Committee that the output of i6 was only one element of our ICT plans. In the last three years, we have rolled out a number of national applications to improve and enhance our IT systems and made significant investment in modernising our desktop estate. We have not stood still while awaiting delivery of i6 and we remain committed to delivering a sustainable policing model supported by modern technology.

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As with any programme of this nature or size, an independent review to ensure the SPA and Police Scotland learn lessons from this project will be initiated. This will inform our options for a sustainable IT solution going forward and which we would expect to see emerging in the months ahead. Work already under way to set out a vision and strategy for policing over the next decade will also heavily inform next steps.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Foley', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

JOHN FOLEY
Chief Executive Officer

cc. Diane Barr – Committee Clerk