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*Dear Margaret,*

**REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS (SCOTLAND) ACT (RIP(S)A 2000 –  
CODES OF PRACTICE**

I wrote to your predecessor, Christine Grahame, on 2 March 2016, outlining the interim and longer-term remedies to rectify an administrative error in the RIP(S)A Codes of Practice.

Our interim solution was to write to the affected public bodies to provide them with the correct information and to seek assurances that no relevant authorisations had been made. I am pleased to inform you that we received a 100% response rate and that none of the affected bodies made any relevant authorisations since the new Codes came into force.

As previously highlighted, the Scottish Government will issue revised Codes which will be laid before the Scottish Parliament. The revisions will include the amendments to the annexes and will reflect the changes to the oversight of investigatory powers as contained in the UK Government's Investigatory Powers Bill.

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

*Best wishes*  
*Michael Matheson*

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