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## Justice Committee

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

### **Re. Implications of payments made for malicious prosecution on the budgets of the COPFS, Police Scotland and the Scottish Government**

I am writing on behalf of the Justice Committee in relation to the potential implications of payments made for malicious prosecution on the budgets of different organisations within the justice and policing portfolio.

A variety of figures have been referred to in media coverage and I would like to request that you update the Committee on the sums involved, or which could be involved, so that we know the scale of the cost to the taxpayer.

I have asked the Lord Advocate, in a separate letter, what sums COPFS will or could be paid out and whether these will be paid from existing budgets or would be additional sums. It would be helpful, therefore, if you could update the Committee on your understanding of which organisations (e.g. COPFS and Police Scotland) will be making compensation payments, how much is expected to be paid and from which budget lines? It would also be useful to know whether there are implications for the various budget lines within the justice remit or whether additional money has been provided by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance?

I look forward to a prompt response which the Committee can consider as part of its ongoing budget scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Tomkins MSP, Convener, Justice Committee