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*Dear Susan,*

**Resignation of the Chief Executive of the Scottish Police Authority**

I am writing regarding concerning reports in the media today that the Chief Executive of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA), Hugh Grover, has resigned.

The change to accountable officer was verified in the media by Audit Scotland. Whilst it is perfectly correct for Audit Scotland to be informed of any such change, the Justice Committee, and Sub-Committee on Policing, would have appreciated the courtesy of also being provided notification of this change by the SPA.

It is disappointing that Members of both Committees only found out about the change to the SPA senior management team through the media. A more transparent and consensual approach to managing this information would have been more appropriate.

It would be helpful if you could please clarify the date when Mr Grover's resignation took effect and also the person who is currently undertaking the role of Chief Executive at the SPA. We would also be grateful for details of the process for the appointment of a new Chief Executive and the timescale.

An immediate response to this request for information would be appreciated.

A copy of this letter has been provided to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and the Public Audit and Post-Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

*Best wishes,  
Margaret*

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