Thank you for your e-mail of 17 January 2019 in which you seek the views of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) on the draft Drug Driving Regulations.

I can confirm that COPFS has been involved in the development of the Regulations, having been consulted on their content by the Scottish Government. COPFS also contributed to the Financial Impact Assessment and the resource consequences outlined therein have been accurately reflected.

COPFS are working with colleagues from Police Scotland and the Scottish Police Authority to establish the requisite procedures for the new offence, and lessons learned from the implementation of the offence in England and Wales will be taken into account during the course of this work. COPFS does not, at this stage, anticipate any difficulties in relation to the planned implementation date of 21 October 2019.

I hope this information is of assistance to the Committee.

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