Dear Chief Constable Crowther

Facial Recognition inquiry

The Scottish Parliament’s Justice Sub-Committee on Policing is currently undertaking an inquiry into how policing in Scotland makes use of facial recognition technology. The inquiry remit covers both live and retrospective use.

It would be helpful if you could provide details of any fixed or mobile technology which the British Transport Police use, which includes, or has the capacity to include facial recognition technology. Could you please clarify whether images from any of this equipment, such as body worn video cameras, are shared with Police Scotland, and the basis for doing so.

It would also be helpful to have details of any images that are provided by Police Scotland to the British Transport Police, and the source of those images.

A response by Thursday 9 January would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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