

## **Justice Committee**

### **Letter from the Convener to the Crown Agent, 20 February 2013**

You will be aware that the Parliament's Information Centre (SPICe) has been investigating, on behalf of a member of the Justice Committee, the procedures in place for dealing with a complaint against a named individual in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

At its meeting yesterday, the Justice Committee agreed to take this issue forward as a committee and it is on this basis that I am writing to you. I would therefore be grateful if you could advise the Committee of the procedure or procedures which are in place for a complaint to be investigated where it is made against the Lord Advocate (or a previous Lord Advocate) and relates specifically to the Lord Advocate's role as head of the prosecution service in Scotland.

The Committee plans to consider the matter further at its next meeting, on Tuesday 26 February, and so it would be helpful if a response could be provided by the end of this week if at all possible.

If, however, no such procedures are in place, the Committee would still welcome a response to that effect.