

## **Response from ACPOS/Police Scotland, dated 25 March 2013**

Before providing my comments, I will give you some context of my position in respect of Police Scotland. Since early last year I have been part of the National Reform Team for Road Policing. From 1st April onwards, I will be part of the Management Support structure within Road Policing nationally, helping to monitor, measure and manage policy issues, performance, assets, resources and equipment. Together with others in this unit I will assume the role previously carried out by the ACPOS Secretariat.

At present, consultation takes place with each force RP Head, replies are received by ACPOS and a combined reply prepared as the national response. Our new method of working will further devolve with approaches being made to each of the fourteen Inspectors based in the territorial policing divisions and the six Inspectors leading the various Trunk Road Patrol Groups. A Police Scotland combined response will be prepared by our team using the wider circle of correspondents.

Having now studied each of the previous submissions relating to this issue, I can confirm to you and the Committee that Police Scotland will be carrying out exactly the same high level of investigation that exists currently. In other words, to refer to your letter, dated 28 February 2013, "ACPOS does NOT anticipate that the single police force will change the way road traffic fatalities are investigated in Scotland".

In short, nothing contained within the letter dated 7 December 2012 from ACPOS (signed by DCC Ewing) is rendered out-of-date or irrelevant with the move to the single service. Indeed, everything within still stands very much at the cornerstone of the work that we do.

Our internal processes and procedures will be updated regularly over the coming months. It is hoped this will lead to capturing learning points, best practice and potential problem aspects much quicker than we do just now. However, I can assure you that neither the 'end product' nor any of the stages of the investigative model will suffer any detriment from current practices.

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