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Dear Irene

TACKLING CHILD EXPLOITATION IN SCOTLAND (CSE)

I refer to my letter of 26 September 2014 relating to the above. I would advise that due to unforeseen circumstances the Solicitor General is unable to attend the Committee on 7 October 2014. I appreciate that this is short notice however Stephen McGowan, Procurator Fiscal, Major Crime & Fatalities Investigation and Catriona Dalrymple, Head of Policy will attend and can cover any questions from the Committee on operational or policy matters.

If after that evidence is given, the Committee still wished to take evidence from a Law Officer that could be arranged at some mutually convenient time in the future.

If you wish to discuss anything arising from this proposed change in attendance please do not hesitate to call me to discuss further.

Yours faithfully



Catherine Dyer
Crown Agent & Chief Executive

Charges Reported under Protection of Children & Sexual Offences Prevention Act 2005

Section 7

Action taken re Accused	Action taken re Charge	Outcome	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	Total
Solemn	Court	Convicted	-	1	-	4	2	7
		Not Convicted	2	-	-	-	-	2
		Ongoing	-	-	-	-	6	6
		No Further Action	-	-	-	1	-	1
		Not a Separate Charge	1	-	-	-	5	6
Solemn Total			3	1	-	5	13	22
Summary	Court	Convicted	2	2	2	-	1	7
		Not Convicted	-	1	-	-	-	1
		Not a Separate Charge	-	-	-	-	1	1
Summary Total			2	3	2	-	2	9
No Action	No Action		-	-	1	2	3	6
Totals			5	4	3	7	18	37

Not a Separate Charge

The total number of charges reported will also include charges where action was taken in relation to other charges reported in the case, for example, because the prosecutor took the view that an alternative charge was more appropriate or because details of the charge were included within the body of another charge for evidential reasons.