

Justice for Megrahi

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Appendix A

**The Rt.Hon. Frank Mulholland QC.
The Lord Advocate's Chambers,
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Date: 5th November 2015

Dear Lord Advocate,

Justice for Megrahi: Criminal Allegations: Appointment of Independent Prosecutor

I refer to my previous letter of 24th August 2015, your response of 18th September and your recent correspondence with the Justice Committee on the above subject.

JFM is still unclear as to your intentions in respect of any report emanating from the police 'Operation Sandwood' investigations.

To assist us in our understanding we would appreciate it if you would answer the following questions.

1. What is the status of the appointed independent Counsel? Is he or she a present or former member of Crown Office staff? Or a member of the Bar who has had no previous association with Crown Office?
2. Who appointed the independent Counsel? If it was not the Crown Office, who was it?
3. What are the 'Terms of Reference' under which the independent Counsel is working and who created them?
4. Under whose 'direction' is the independent Counsel working?
5. Will the independent Counsel receive the 'Operation Sandwood' report directly ~~from~~ police/police QC without any intervention or comment by the LA or Crown Office and before those authorities are aware of the report's contents?
6. Will the independent Counsel make a totally independent decision on the report without any input from the Crown Office?
7. Will Crown Office have authority to reject or change any recommendation made by the independent Counsel?
8. Will the recommendations of the independent Counsel be implemented in full and if not who will make this decision?