

Correspondence from the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) to the Public Audit Committee, dated 29 October 2014

Thank you for your letter and your interest in this matter.

I have looked further into the query you raised on the SPA Period 4 Finance Report in relation to the 2014/15 budget for ICT expenditure. As you state on page 9 of this report the total ICT expenditure is £25,968k, up £802k on the original budget presented to the Board in March 2014.

The additional expenditure planned relates to the i6 Project and represents the movement of a project milestone payment into the current financial year from 2013/14. Due to the timing of the reporting cycle this information was not available when the original capital plan was set. Since the period 4 finance report was produced a further review of the 2014/15 capital program has been undertaken, and considered by the SPA's Finance & Investment Committee on the 27 October 2014. The result of this review has changed the anticipated i6 expenditure in the 2014/15 year from £10,500k to £9,960k, a fall of £540k and again relates to a movement in the project milestone payments.

The SPA provide oversight of the i6 Project through my attendance and participation in the i6 Programme Board, in addition to ongoing scrutiny and review of the financial position against the set and agreed budget. In addition I chair the ICT Scrutiny Forum which carries out a similar role over the entire ICT budget of which i6 is part of.

Yours sincerely

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