

Correspondence from the Public Audit Committee to the Scottish Police Authority (SPA), dated 7 October 2014

At the meeting on 1 October 2014, the Committee considered the response from the SPA to *Report on police reform*. You can access a transcript of the meeting via the Official Report, available at the following link:

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9559#.VDOPY5RdVhY>

The Committee agreed to note the response from the SPA although it observed that the SPA's Finance report for the period to 31 July 2014¹ (page 9), identified a potential overspend of £852,000 against the approved ICT budget of £25,116 million. Given this projected increase, the Committee would seek an update from the SPA on the reasons for this increase in forecast budget; and what steps SPA has taken to ensure that ICT projects remain on time and fit for purpose as well as any steps being taken by the SPA to mitigate against further budget increases in 2014/15.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information by **29 October 2014**. Should you have any questions, please contact the Assistant Clerk, Jason Nairn, on the contact details provided above.

Kind Regards

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Convener¹

¹ <http://www.spa.police.uk/assets/126884/183330/241470/agenda4managementaccounts>