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Dear Mrs Grahame

**Justice Sub-Committee on Policing Meeting 19 June – Stop and Search**

I am aware that the Justice Sub-Committee will be discussing the issue of the use of stop and search by Police Scotland at its meeting on 19 June 2014.

You will also be aware that the published HMICS scrutiny plan for the year ahead includes an audit of the recording of stop and search activity by Police Scotland. The inspection will follow on from the recently published scrutiny of Stop and Search by the Scottish Police Authority, elements of which will be included within our scrutiny. We will focus on end to end processes for recording Stop and Search and the associated procedures to govern, monitor and audit this activity. We will also investigate the impact of the Police Scotland performance framework and targets in relation to Stop and Search.

With this in mind, I thought it would be pertinent to advise the Justice Sub-Committee that HMICS is currently in discussion with the Scottish Police Authority and Police Scotland so that a timetable for this activity can be finalised. We would envisage this work being complete in the autumn, with our inspection report being laid before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with our statutory obligations.

Yours sincerely.



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