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Dear Mr Penman

Justice Sub-Committee on Policing: follow up

Thank you for giving evidence to the Justice Sub-Committee on Policing at its continued evidence session on armed police on 19 March. At the session you agreed to provide a written response to a number of remaining questions from members. These questions are set out below.

1. With regard to recommendation 7 in your report on the review of standing firearms authority for armed response vehicle crews within Police Scotland, are you content with the speed at which deployment criteria are being "understood and accepted by local communities" in relation to attendance at appropriate non-firearms-related incidents?
2. You were asked how many complaints HMICS received from members of the public regarding armed officers. You confirmed that HMICS have no statutory role in relation to complaints and that you were not aware of any, but you offered to check this and advise the Sub-Committee accordingly.

Further context can be found in the Official Report of the meeting which is available at: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/28862.aspx?r=9863&mode=pdf>

I would be grateful for a response to these questions by Friday 1 May 2015.

Yours sincerely

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