Subject:	PE1491 - COPFS Response
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Dear Tom

Following the Public Petitions Committee's consideration of your petition PE1491 at its meeting on 12 November, the Committee agreed to write to a number of organisations following that meeting to seek views on your petition. The response from the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service has been received and that is attached below.

For your information, please note that your petition is provisionally scheduled to be considered by the Committee on **28 January**. Any comments you have on the submissions you receive **should be provided by 17 January**.

If possible the comments should be provided electronically (ideally in Word format and by e-mail, in which case I do not require a hard copy) to petitions@scottish.parliament.uk failing which in hard copy (by surface mail). All responses will then be considered by the Committee and a decision will be taken by it on what action to take (e.g. continue to take forward, refer to a subject committee, close).

Written submissions are published as a part of a public paper at the meeting at which they are considered. If you do not wish any written submission to be made public, please contact me in advance of making your submission (you may wish to refer to the <u>Parliament's policy on handling information received in response to calls for evidence</u>). Please limit your written response to no more than 3 sides of A4.

Please note that you should submit one consolidated response to all the written submissions you receive and not to each individually. We will send you any further submissions as and when they come in.

Also, should the Committee receives no communication from you on two successive occasions when invited to give your comments, it will assume you are content with the responses received and will move to close the petition on that basis.

Please contact a member of the clerking team should you wish to discuss any aspect of this.

Regards,

Public Petitions Clerking Team



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