

**BTP Integration
Joint Programme Board
Legislation Update**

Purpose:

1. To update the Joint Programme Board on timescales and next steps for parliamentary consideration of the Scottish Government's primary legislation on railway policing.

Key Information:

2. The Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 8th December 2016, with the Bill and accompanying documents being published on the following day. Links to the Bill documents and the Scottish Government's set of Impact Assessments are at:
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/policies/police-fire-rescue/police-scotland/BTP>
3. Justice Committee has been designated as the lead Committee for parliamentary scrutiny of the Bill, and has issued a call for written evidence, with a deadline of 31st January 2017 for submissions. This is available at the following link, at which submissions are being published as and when received:
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/102680.aspx>
4. The Justice Committee is expected to confirm timings shortly for the oral evidence sessions to inform its Stage 1 consideration of the Bill. Our current understanding is that the timetable for Stage 1 is likely to run until the beginning of May. While this is later than our planning assumptions as previously communicated to the JPB, we still expect the subsequent Stage 2 and 3 consideration to complete by the end of June as per the overall timescales envisaged. We will keep the JPB updated as firmer indications become available.

Recommendation:

5. The Joint Programme Board is requested to note this progress update.

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