

Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

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Dear Joe

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

At its meetings on 29 June and 7 September 2017, the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee considered the resolution of the Parliament agreed on 21 June 2017 on Scottish Government compliance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. We noted the call for an independent inquiry and for post legislative scrutiny of the Act. It was not clear from the resolution who should establish the inquiry, but the Committee agreed that the Scottish Information Commissioner may be an appropriate independent person to undertake it.

The Committee agreed that I should write to you to seek a response from the Scottish Government to the resolution. The Committee would like to know how the Government intends to give effect to the resolution and the timescale for this.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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