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**6, May, 2001.**

Dear Mr Wallace,

**Shirley McKie: Scottish Criminal Records Office (SCRO) – Civil Action**

As you might be aware my daughter Shirley has instructed counsel to commence civil action against SCRO in connection with the actions/omissions of its civilian and Police employees.

Her solicitor has recently informed her that action is being frustrated because seven months have been spent in trying to ascertain against whom action should be taken.

It seems incredible that neither the Scottish Executive nor the Association of Police Officers Scotland (ACPOS), who have joint responsibility for funding and management, can give us this information.

I refuse to believe that SCRO is not responsible to someone and that they in turn do not have responsibility in law for the actions of SCRO's civilian and police employees.

I think you will agree that, regardless of the rights or wrongs of any civil action, Shirley is being denied her civil rights when government and public organisations cannot or refuse to supply such information.

I would appreciate any assistance you can give in identifying who is responsible for SCRO and against whom civil action should be taken.

As speed is of the essence in commencing civil action I would appreciate an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

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**Iain A J McKie**