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Dear Mr Gilchrist,

Thank you for your letter of 7 June and your promise to write once there are further developments.

For the sake of clarity could you please respond directly to the following questions?

1. Have reports from the four SCRO experts involved in the McKie and Ross misidentifications been accepted by Procurators Fiscal in respect of criminal prosecutions with or without verification since their suspension?

Are such reports now being accepted?

2. Have reports of any other SCRO experts or their supervisors who were in any way associated with these misidentifications and/or have intimated their agreement with them and/or refused to give statements to the Police criminal enquiry team been accepted by Procurators Fiscal in respect of criminal prosecutions with or without verification?

Are such reports now being accepted?

Given the information you already have arising from the HMCI's and criminal and other enquiries and the possibility of serious allegations being made against SCRO experts and supervisors during the ongoing civil litigation and Asbury appeal I consider these to be vitally important questions affecting the effective and fair administration of justice in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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