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Dear Ms Jamieson,

SHIRLEY MCKIE v THE SCOTTISH CRIMINAL RECORDS OFFICE

I am sure you are aware of the above dispute that has been the focus of massive media coverage over the past 6 years and the subject of correspondence to your predecessor from myself, members of the public and fingerprint experts across the world.

Apart from the compensation issues affecting my daughter, who has had her career and health ruined, there are a large number of human rights issues involved in this case. They affect the prosecution of justice in this country and the effectiveness and efficiency of fingerprint and forensic services.

I believe the time is long overdue for a political initiative in these matters and I am appealing to you as the new Minister for Justice to take that initiative.

I am asking you to put aside the bureaucratic thinking of the civil servants and lawyers, review the files on this case, and meet with Shirley and myself with a view to bringing this whole sorry mess to an end.

This letter is written in good faith and in the belief that it is still possible to draw a line under the past and prevent the further trauma of civil trials and possible appeals to the House of Lords and the European Court

Please help Shirley to move on in her life and at the same time honestly address those issues affecting the administration of justice in Scotland.

With reference to the creation of the Scottish Parliament you have been quoted as saying

"The opportunity to make a difference is with us if we have the will to grasp it. The people we represent will not thank us if we fail to rise to the challenge."

Have you the will to grasp this chance to make a difference, listen to our story, help bring my daughter's trauma to an end and ensure that any failings affecting the administration of Justice in Scotland are faced and remedied?

Yours sincerely,

Iain A J McKie