

## **Two-week wait for McKie report**

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The long-awaited parliamentary report into the Scottish fingerprint service's handling of the McKie affair will be delayed by about two weeks because of the weight of evidence.

Justice 1 Committee convener Pauline McNeill said yesterday: "We meet on Tuesday and I hope we will make considerable progress. The delay is due to the technical nature and volume of evidence we are considering.

"Completion by around now was always an aim and not a specific target and we are probably only a couple of weeks behind our own schedule."

The committee agreed to call for fresh written evidence and The Herald understands it has got bogged down in trying to pin down that evidence.

One source said: "Some tried and failed to turn it into a retrial of Shirley McKie. We are not technical experts but...you will not have to read too closely between the lines to see where the criticism lies."

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