

## **The price of truth**

**Scottish Parliament TV:**

<http://www.holyrood.tv/library.asp?title=First%20Minister's%20Questions&section=30>

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**BBC News story:** <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/4813252.stm>

**The Scotsman:** <http://thescoatsman.scotsman.com/index.cfm?id=417882006>

**The Herald:** <http://www.theherald.co.uk/politics/58228.html>

Delegates might be interested to know as they head for Tulliallan and the Fingerprint Society conference hosted by SCRO that the head of that organisation **John McLean** has instigated a disciplinary investigation against the Grampian expert Gary Dempster who recently spoke out against SCRO. In a joint report with Grampian colleagues, the first Scottish experts to publicly speak out, it was concluded that the SCRO experts were wrong in identifying Shirley's print. Mr Dempster later went further by stating that in his opinion it was not an 'honest mistake' as stated by the First Minister in the Scottish parliament.

When Fiona McBride one of the 6 experts at SCRO responsible for the errors recently spoke out to the media (as it is her right to do) there was no threat of discipline against her.

After nearly ten years the SCRO cover up continues and the culture of bullying and intimidation is alive and well.

I appeal to experts across the world not to stand by and allow Mr Dempster's career to be destroyed. Please send your comments to the e-mail addresses shown below.

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