

MSP demands inquiry

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THE MSP Mike Russell demanded an inquiry last night into a parliamentary decision which prevented him from raising claims of a miscarriage of justice in parliament.

The Scottish Nationalist wanted to hold a parliamentary debate last week on the case of the former policewoman Shirley McKie, who has been fighting to clear her name over accusations of perjury.

Ms McKie, at the time an officer with Strathclyde Police, was accused of perjury after it was claimed that her fingerprints were found at the scene of a murder in Ayrshire, although she denied having been in the room in question.

However, Mr Russell was prevented from holding the debate last Wednesday by Sir David Steel, the parliament's Presiding Officer, who decided to scrap it because of legal difficulties.

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