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3 December 2002

Index Heading: Justice Department

Michael Russell (South of Scotland) (SNP): To ask the Scottish Executive when HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary will next undertake a full, partial or regular visit to, or inspection of, the Scottish Criminal Records Office.

(S1W-31827)

Mr Jim Wallace:

HM Inspector of Constabulary will carry out a Review Inspection of the Scottish Criminal Record Office (SCRO) in January 2003. This Review Inspection will address any issues that are outstanding from the SCRO Primary Inspection Report published in May 2001 and the Review Inspection of December 2001.

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Michael Russell (South of Scotland) (SNP): To ask the Scottish Executive when HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary will next publish an interim or full report on issues arising from any visit to, or inspection of, the Scottish Criminal Records Office. (S1W-31828)

Mr Jim Wallace:

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) will be reporting on its Review Inspection of the Scottish Criminal Record Office (SCRO) in March 2003. SCRO will also be included in the HMIC Race Relations Inspection Report that is due to be published in February 2003.

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Michael Russell (South of Scotland) (SNP): To ask the Scottish Executive whether the Scottish Criminal Records Office fingerprint experts involved in the Shirley McKie case have since their re-instatement given evidence under oath at any criminal trial and, if so, on how many occasions and in which courts.

(S1W-31829)

Mr Jim Wallace:

The SCRO fingerprint officers involved in the Shirley McKie have not given evidence under oath at any criminal trial since their re-instatement on 9 April 2002.

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Michael Russell (South of Scotland) (SNP): To ask the Scottish Executive how many identifications of fingerprints for use as court productions have been undertaken by the Scottish Criminal Records Office fingerprint experts that gave evidence in the Shirley McKie case since their re-instatement.

(S1W-31830)

Mr Jim Wallace:

Since their re-instatement on 9 April 2002, the four fingerprint officers involved in the Shirley McKie case have not undertaken the identification of fingerprints for use as court productions.

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