

## **Justice Committee**

### **Scrutiny of the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2016**

#### **Written submission from the Scottish Police Authority**

Thank you for correspondence of 15 September 2016 regarding anticipated publication of the Scottish Government's draft budget for 2017/18.

While publication of the draft 2017/18 budget is scheduled later than previous years, the Authority does not anticipate this will impact on our financial planning or service delivery for the period.

The SPA and Police Scotland engage regularly with the Scottish Government on matters regarding the police budget. The Scottish Government's commitment to protect the police revenue budget in real terms during this Parliamentary session affords us a greater degree of certainty for financial planning purposes.

I trust this information is of assistance.

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Chief Executive Officer  
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