

Justice Committee

Railway Policing (Scotland) Bill

Written submission from Lesley Jeffery

I do not believe that the BTP should be merged with Police Scotland. Police Scotland is already too big and in my opinion lacks accountability / question ability. There is also an issue of the funding. I would imagine that the funding for BTP is only a tiny percentage of Police Scotland budget but if they are merged could find their share of the budget could be appropriated to be used by Police Scotland.

Suffice to say. In my opinion you should be trying to reduce the power of the Chief Constable not increasing it. Merging the police forces was a mistake and doing this would only confound it.

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