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**Lord Advocate**

**SHIRLEY McKIE**

You will recall that a decision has still to be taken on whether we have any objection to the 4 experts involved in the McKie case submitting reports to PFs in the future. It was decided that we would ask for sight of the report of the independent disciplinary investigation. Strathclyde Joint Police Board do not want the report disclosed to a third party – Harry Bell's letter refers.

We could accept their decision or ask them for an assurance that the report does not disclose anything which would affect our willingness to continue using their experts as Crown witnesses or tell them that we cannot use these experts until we have seen the report. Meantime, Mike Russell has raised this very question in the attached PQ. My draft reply could be translated into 'wait and see'. Alternatives would be to say that the matter is under consideration or that it would not be appropriate to comment at this stage.

Happy to discuss.

**WAG**  
**10/4/02**

PS Ian McKie has also written to you asking the same question.

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