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Mr Fergus D. Cochrane
Public Petitions Committee
TG.01, The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh, EH99 1SP

Dear Fergus

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION – PE1367

I refer to your correspondence dated 29 October 2010 in connection with the above subject, which has been considered by the Anti Social Behaviour / Youth Issues portfolio within the Operational Policing Business Area, I can offer the following by way of comment.

ACPOS acknowledge that some forces in Scotland have the capacity to utilise such devices, however, this would only be in the most extreme cases. The majority of the Police Service in Scotland does not support the use of such devices. ACPOS acknowledges that such devices impact negatively on all young people and are merely a displacement device which does not address the fundamental issues which give rise to antisocial behaviour in our communities. Mosquito has not been given “Secure by Design” accreditation due to the issues such devices cause.

ACPOS works in partnership nationally to deliver the four pillars of “Promoting Positive Outcomes” i.e. Prevention, Integration, Engagement and Communication and at all times encourages a partnership approach to tackle community issues to help negate the use of such devices.

I trust that the foregoing is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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