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Dear Chair.

E.U. Exit Planning and Preparations

Further to my letter dated the 4 November 2019, I am writing to update that the Brexit related costs of Police Scotland's Brexit Reserve as of 19 November 2019, now stands at £11.5m. The estimated costs for the financial year 2019/20 are currently £20.2m and, as you will be aware, the commitment from Scottish Government was to fund up to £17m this financial year.

The Brexit Reserve have continued to be embedded in local Divisions and have been providing assistance in a range of policing issues and incidents in local communities. Recent examples of the value and range of work ongoing include the apprehension of a violent male sought for attempted murder in Fife, searches for vulnerable missing persons and several arrests of persons on warrant. The Reserve also played a significant part in the successful delivery of Operation Moonbeam, the national response to managing disorder around the 5th of November.

The issue will continue to be discussed, as a standing agenda item, at every SPA Public Board meeting, if, however, there is any additional detail that you require, I will arrange bespoke briefings as necessary.

Yours sincerely

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