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Dear Interim Chair,

E.U. Exit Planning and Preparations

Further to my letter dated the 16 November 2019, I am writing to provide clarification on the estimated EU related policing costs for the financial year 2019/20.

Following discussions with Scottish Government, I can reaffirm the government's commitment to fund £17m of EU related policing costs. As you will be aware from our recent briefings at the last SPA board, we have estimated the full costs associated with the 400 police officers that have been retained for the purposes of managing the UK's Exit from the EU at £20.2m in 2019/20. The exercise to identify the full costs was undertaken in response to a request from Scottish Government to do so. We acknowledge that no further funding will be provided from government to meet the full cost.

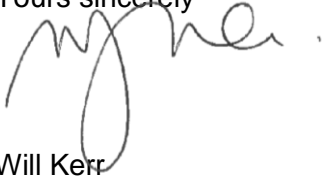
It is on this basis that we have forecast the full year budget outturn, and we do not anticipate that these additional EU exit costs will result in an over-spend against the revenue budget, notwithstanding unforeseen circumstances. We will continue to monitor the situation on a monthly basis, and will of course inform SPA should this position change.

As of 17th December, the costs associated with the Brexit Force Reserve, now stands at £13.7m.

The Brexit Force Reserve continues to be embedded in local Divisions providing meaningful, and invaluable support to local and specialist policing at incidents and during operations across Scotland. More recently the Reserve have been assisting Divisions with policing matters during the General Election.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will Kerr', with a large, stylized initial 'W'.

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