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Dear Mr Wallace,

I refer to my letter of 24 March. (copy attached)

I would appreciate a reply.

As you will be aware from recent publicity the Scottish Executive, the Crown Office and you as Minister for Justice are in danger of becoming a laughing stock as you appear incapable of resolving the many issues surrounding the 'Shirley McKie Case'.

Thousands of pounds of public money are being wasted because of your failure to take control.

As you are aware Shirley is in the position of perhaps having to wait into next year for a judicial hearing on **who is responsible for the SCRO** and who she should take action against.

Actual civil action could take many more months or years.

Are you seriously trying to tell me that SCRO continues to operate without anyone being responsible for its actions and that another 'Shirley McKie case' could happen.

If this is the situation it is a scandal and a dereliction of your duty to protect the public you serve.

Could you also please inform me of how many other organisations in the forensics field or elsewhere in the Criminal Justice System are, like SCRO, not legally responsible to anyone for their actions?

My daughter is being traumatised by the Scottish Justice System of which you are the head and you apparently do nothing to stop it.

Yet again I appeal to you to act in the public interest, to consult with your lawyers and bring some semblance of sanity to this bizarre situation.

Yours sincerely,

Iain A J McKie

