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- Regular visitors will have noted that web updates have been somewhat limited recently. Iain brings you up to date.

“I have to report an enjoyable 6 weeks touring and testing medical facilities in Canada and Ayr. On balance Calgary's 'Rockyview Hospital' wins this year's award. At only \$2000 a day it was a snip. With a fine range of optional extras including consultants, CT and MRI scanners, x-ray facilities and blood and urine testing it became possible to become bankrupt without leaving your bed. Overlooking the 'Rockies' and a golf course this facility awakened the masochist in me and I had a wonderfully frustrating time reflecting on what might have been. Having kidney stones the size of golf balls gives a whole new meaning to the phrase 'being stoned'. Unfortunately while the little b-----s did their best to leave by the usual channels, (excuse me while I wipe away the tears and 'yes' size does matter), they eventually required some medical intervention. On my return to Scotland I was fortunate to experience the joys of Ayr Hospital. While lacking the views afforded at the 'Rockyview' my credit card was able to leave intensive care but is unlikely to recover from Post Traumatic Stress before Christmas. Thanks for all the messages of goodwill and normal site service is resumed.”

- Iain's visit to the **Canadian Identification Society** conference in **Calgary** in August was an outstanding success despite being hospitalised shortly after he had spoken. He reports an amazing understanding of Shirley's case and total support for her stand against SCRO.
<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/TheCanadianIdentificationSocietyConference200.pdf>
- The Freedom of **Information** requests came up trumps when the **Strathclyde Police Joint Committee** reversed its previous decision not to release the **2002 secret report** that cleared the SCRO experts and their supervisors of any wrongdoing. This amazing document shows just how SCRO has pulled the wool over the eyes of the authorities. Sadly **Strathclyde Police** are now dragging their heels and Iain is considering a complaint to the **Freedom of Information Ombudsman** unless the requested information is quickly released

<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/SecretSCROReportReleased.pdf>

- No further news from **Grampian Police** into the internal enquiry allegedly being held into the report submitted by experts **Gary Dempster, John Dingwall and John McGregor**. After what happened to the 'Lothian and Border's 14' in 2000 Iain and Shirley remain concerned that there will be efforts to discredit them. Iain's request for a commendation for these experts received the following somewhat terse reply from the **Grampian Chief Constable Colin McKerracher**:

“I refer to your letter of 2 July.....and note the comments contained therein.”

Another wonderful example of police leadership!!

<http://shirleymckie.com/documents/GrampianCC3.7.05.pdf>

- No news either on the fate of **Ewan Innes** head of the **Scottish Fingerprint Service**. We look forward to information on how he intends to reconcile the irreconcilable differences between the SCRO and Grampian experts.
http://shirleymckie.com/documents/Aberdeenreportsigned_001.pdf
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