

‘That was the week that was.’

The ‘**10 Truth Challenge**’ has caught your imagination. The reaction has been totally positive and supportive with most people wondering how in the face of such evidence the Scottish authorities can keep up the pretence that nothing is wrong. Perhaps they need a ‘*20 Truth Challenge*’ to convince them but then again ‘*There’s none so blind.....!*’

Link: http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/TruthChallenge_000.pdf

Iain’s letter published in ‘**The Herald**’ last week questioning the **constitutional position of the Lord Advocate** promoted some e-mail interest but no-one was rushing into print. At times like this everyone in the Scottish Executive appears to keep their heads firmly beneath the parapet. At sunrise however if you listen really carefully you can hear the cry of the deaf and blind ‘Holyrood bird’ (a cousin of the Dodo) - “*sub judice – sub judice.*”

Link: <http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/TheHerald15February2005.pdf>

We are still waiting for replies to a number of requests under the **Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**. So far the agencies have been helpful – but will the goods be delivered? Watch this space!!

Link: <http://shirleymckie.com/documents/Freedomofinformation1.pdf>

Common sense dictates that we give up on ever hearing from the eight **Scottish Chief Constables**. We doubt if any of them followed through the request to contact the **Minister for Justice** and it appears as if any settlement to this long running disgrace will not have their support.

Link: http://shirleymckie.com/documents/DearChiefConstable15.12.04_000.pdf

Work still proceeds at a **cross party level** within the Scottish Parliament. The MSP’s continue to co-operate to end Shirley’s trauma. We wish them well!!

As preparations go ahead for next year’s civil hearing we are planning a number of initiatives for the coming year. A **media conference** will be held in March/April and later in the year a ‘**Case Conference**’ will take place. Presentations on the case will be given and guest speakers will outline the justice and constitutional issues arising from the case.

Meanwhile www.shirleymckie.com goes from strength to strength. We are regularly adding new and archive material and are particularly pleased that it is being visited by those who have a practical and academic interest in fingerprints and the forensic sciences. We welcome contributions and comment on ‘Shirley’s Case’ and other justice issues.

As a footnote we pose the question, ‘*are we accepting identity cards too readily?*’ An illuminating article from Canada raises some awkward questions.

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