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**To:** Parliament and Government Liaison <ParliamentandGovernmentLiaison@scotland.police.uk>

**Subject:** PQs

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As discussed, please see below. We covered off all four questions with a single answer.

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**S6W-23358 Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government when it first became aware of the Chief Constable of Police Scotland's reported 120-mile journey from Edinburgh to Durham in a police vehicle driven by an on-duty police officer.

**S6W-23359 Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any discussions that it has had with the Scottish Police Authority regarding the Chief Constable of Police Scotland's reported 120-mile journey in a police vehicle from Edinburgh to Durham.

**S6W-23360 Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide details of any discussions that it has had with Police Scotland, including the Chief Constable, regarding her reported 120-mile journey in a police vehicle from Edinburgh to Durham.

**S6W-23361 Russell Findlay:** To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide full details regarding the reported assistance being provided to Police Scotland by an assistant chief officer from Durham Constabulary.

## **REPLY TO S6W-23358**

Scottish Government officials were notified about this matter by the Scottish Police Authority on the 1st November 2023. This was for information only as the governance and scrutiny of Police Scotland is for the Authority and not Ministers. No engagement with Police Scotland was required. Officials also informed me for my awareness.

The Chair of the Authority has discussed this with the Chief Constable, who has apologised, and the SPA now considers the matter closed.

With regard to the assistance being provided to Police Scotland by Durham Constabulary, while this is an operational matter for the Chief Constable, it is good practice for police organisations to share their knowledge and experience. Police Scotland routinely collaborates and works in partnership with police forces across the UK, and beyond.

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