1. Creative Scotland welcomes the opportunity to contribute to Stage 1 of the Public Records (Scotland) bill.

2. Creative Scotland is the new national leader for Scotland’s arts, screen and creative industries. We were formally established on 1 July 2010 under the leadership of our Chairman, Sir Sandy Crombie and Chief Executive, Andrew Dixon. We replace the functions of the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen and continue to be the Lottery distributor for the arts and film in Scotland.

3. Our ambition is that Scotland becomes recognised as a leading creative nation – one that attracts, develops and retains talent, where the arts and the creative industries are supported and celebrated and their economic contribution fully captured - a nation where the arts play a natural part in the lives, education and well being of our population.

4. Creative Scotland welcomes the Public Records (Scotland) bill and its general principles. In addition the guidance provided at this stage within the Policy Memorandum and the Financial Memorandum is valued and appropriate.

5. Creative Scotland is currently undertaking an information management project which is addressing the issues of the new organisation taking over the functions and information of its two predecessors (Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen) and the general principles of the bill are being taken into consideration through this project.

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