SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION FROM THE SCOTTISH INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

1. I am writing in connection with the committee’s discussion with George Mackenzie, The Keeper of the Records of Scotland, on the Public Records (Scotland) Bill yesterday (8 December). With reference to my written evidence, a question was put to the Keeper which appeared to be based on a view that I was proposing a voluntary approach to improving records management. For the avoidance of doubt, I would like to make clear that my written evidence was submitted in support of a statutory framework as set out in the Bill.

2. My submission outlined how, if passed, the Bill’s proposed new arrangements for the Keeper of the Records and my own responsibilities under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 might work in practice. My view is that our roles are complementary and that the provisions of the Bill are a good fit with how we work together in practice.

3. I am sorry if this was not clear from my submission and I would be grateful if this clarification could be accepted

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Scottish Information Commissioner
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