1. The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service agree with the principles underpinning the Bill. The Policy Memorandum was very helpful, providing a concise explanation of the intention of the Bill. A robust records management framework is essential for the effective management of all public authorities and to ensure compliance with other legislation on information governance including data protection and freedom of information.

2. It is particularly helpful that the Bill adopts the records management principles set out in the Code of Practice in the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). COPFS has recently produced a comprehensive records management manual providing details on our records management policies and the Service is keen to engage with the Keeper on any aspect of our policies.

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