SUBMISSION FROM THE SCOTTISH COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC AUDIT

1. In response to the call for evidence on the Public Records (Scotland) Bill, I provide a submission from the Scottish Commission for Public Audit (SCPA).

2. The SCPA is composed of five Members of the Scottish Parliament. The Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 stipulates that the SBCB will provide the SCPA with the support resources it requires and therefore the SCPA does not have any corporate resources, staff, income or separately identified operating expenditure of its own.

3. It is the Commission’s view that as the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body (SPCB) and Scottish Parliament are included in the schedule of authorities affected by the Bill, the SCPA is covered by the proposed legislation and should not be listed as a separate organisation.

4. The Commission therefore recommends that the Bill is amended to remove it from the schedule of authorities affected.

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