I refer to your letter dated 10 January 2018 requesting an update on the investigation into extraordinary rendition.

The criminal investigation by the Police Service of Scotland is ongoing. I am conscious that this has been a lengthy investigation. However, it is a complex and challenging investigation with evidence having to be sought and obtained from a number of different countries out with the United Kingdom to determine whether there is evidence of any potential offences over which the Scottish courts have jurisdiction.

I hope this is helpful.

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