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Subject: **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - OUR REF FOI 414-08**
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Dear Mr Mery

I refer to your request of 28 November 2008 for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 which, for the avoidance of doubt, I reproduce below:

REQUEST:

"The detailed process that is followed to remove the DNA records of an individual whose DNA was sampled by your force (either because the lawful retention period expired or the chief of your police force decided to delete the DNA records for any other reason). I expect the process to describe the several steps required to ensure that the DNA samples are physically destroyed and the DNA profile deleted from the database(s) to which it has been uploaded: which actions are performed by which roles in which department, how is this verified, how is this communicated, etc."

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I would advise you that, in Scotland, the responsibility for the removal of DNA records from the database, and the process by which this is undertaken, lies with the Scottish Police Service Agency, which is also a public authority. Accordingly, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that Tayside Police does not hold the information requested, and I would suggest that you consider submitting a separate request to SPSA for the information you are seeking. They can be contacted via the following email address:
FOI.spsa@spsa.pnn.police.uk

I trust the above information will be of assistance to you. However, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such review, please write to me within 40 days of receiving this communication. I will arrange for a senior officer, who has not been involved in my decision making process, to conduct a review as required by the Act. If, after having been informed of the review panel's decision, you are still not satisfied, you are then entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. The contact details for Mr Dunion, the Scottish Information Commissioner are Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

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