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Dear Dr Plastow,

SCOTTISH BIOMETRICS COMMISSIONER: CODE OF PRACTICE

Thank you for your letter dated 1 July 2022 enclosing your Code of Practice on the acquisition, retention, use and destruction of biometric data for criminal justice and police purposes in Scotland. I am pleased to note that the Criminal Justice Committee were content with the Code.

I can confirm that I am content to approve the Code in terms of Section 12(2)(a) of the Scottish Biometrics Commissioner Act 2020, without modification.

As you know, the next steps will be for Scottish Ministers to bring the Code into effect through laying the approved Code alongside the necessary Scottish Statutory Instrument at parliament under the affirmative procedure. My intention is to do this on 7 September, which would bring the Code into effect on or around 16 November 2022. As you will appreciate, this timescale is very much dependent on there being no unforeseen priorities arising at parliament at that time.

Yours sincerely

KEITH BROWN

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