



Scottish Information
Commissioner

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By email to: presidingofficers@scottish.parliament.uk

30 March 2016

Dear Ms Marwick

I am writing to you in your capacity as Presiding Officer as Parliament has been dissolved and Parliamentary Committees stood down.

As you are no doubt aware from the press coverage over the bank holiday an applicant, Mr McEnaney, disclosed an email to the press about my office seemingly delaying the issue of decisions that were critical of Ministers during purdah.

I am being asked for interviews and comment by the by the media. Had Parliament been sitting I would also have expected them to ask me about this, and so, out of respect for my relationship with Parliament as an Office Holder, it is to Parliament I am making my first public statement. In this context, I attach a statement setting out the facts of the matter and course of events. Given the Public Interest in this matter, I will also be publishing this letter and statement on my website at the same time.

If you have any questions or require further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Agnew
Scottish Information Commissioner

cc: Ken Hughes, SPCB