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Dear Lord Faulkner,

During the consideration of the draft Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2017 in the House of Lords on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, I undertook to write to you in response to your query regarding the application of the no-detriment principle. You raised the suggestion that the UK Government should consider the application of the no-detriment principle.

Maintaining high levels of service across the UK is at the forefront of our planning for an efficient and effective transfer of functions. The two Governments are working closely to ensure maintenance of the standards of railway policing in Scotland and to prevent any detrimental effect on the British Transport Police for the rest of England and Wales. It might also be worth mentioning that the 'no-detriment' principle relates to fiscal frameworks. As such, this area of devolution does not fall within that scope.

I will be placing a copy of this letter in the Library of the House of Lords.

**Yours sincerely**

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