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Dear Mr Thompson

DRAFT GLASGOW COMMONWEALTH GAMES BILL

With regard to my position as Chief Inspector with responsibility for Events Planning and Operational Planning within Lothian and Borders Police, I read the draft Bill with interest.

It is my understanding that none of the events during the proposed Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2014 will be held in the Lothian and Borders area. The criminal offences relating to Street Trading and Advertising appear to relate to the vicinity of a games event and should therefore have no implication for this Force.

However, the criminal offences relating to Ticket Touting and Enforcement appear to lack clarity. For example, the section on Ticket Touting does not state who will enforce this legislation. Presumably it is the Enforcement Officers mentioned in the next section. If that is the case how will acts done outwith Scotland be pursued?

With regard to the Enforcement Officers what authorisations will they carry and what other means of identification will they have?

I hope that these comments are of use to you.

Yours sincerely

Chief Inspector Kevin Sewell
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