



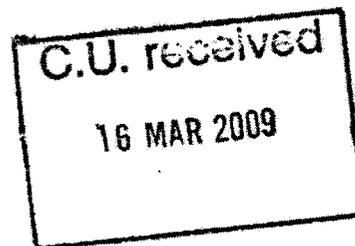
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Mr Kenny MacAskill MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice
The Scottish Government
St Andrew's House
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Dear Kenny

[REDACTED]

I have recently been contacted by the above named constituent regarding his concerns about certain aspects of proposals to improve and modernise the criminal justice system.

I enclose a copy of [REDACTED] correspondence for your information and would be grateful for your comments and details of what will happen from here with the proposals.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Richard Lochhead

Richard Lochhead
SNP Member of the Scottish Parliament for Moray

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[REDACTED]
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Email: [REDACTED]

Friday 23 January 2009

Dear Mr Lochhead,

I am writing to ask your views on the proposed 'Possession of Extreme Pornographic Material' bill (see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/09/24132838/4>). I am concerned that this is so wide-ranging (how many popular films contain images of life-threatening acts?) that it will end up being used as an arbitrary offense purely on the whim of the police or prosecuting authorities. There is also the risk of such an image being sent to a 'victim' who would then be automatically guilty - and if a spammed pornographic email is left in someone's junk filter is that still 'possession'? And this is without the underlying concern that the government shouldn't be deciding what people should be able to watch, as far as I am aware there is no proven link (even statistically) between pornography and criminal acts.

What is your opinion and intention of voting on this bill, and is there a party position within the SNP?

There's an interesting viewpoint on this issue at http://www.theregister.co.uk/2009/01/21/scottish_rude_debate/.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
(signed with an electronic signature in accordance with subsection 7(3) of the Electronic Communications Act 2000.)

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