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Dear S38(1)(b)

ONE COMMUNITY SCOTLAND

I refer to the above and wish to provide the following information with regard to the relationship between the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit (SVRU) and One Community Scotland (OCS).

As you are aware, OCS started as a project within the SVRU aimed at interacting with 'New Scots', particularly those arriving from the Horn of Africa, with a view to assisting to overcome cultural barriers as they emerge and prevent the levels of violence that have occurred in certain cities in Europe. Such has been the success of the project that it is now seeking to establish charitable status to grow further and open different avenues of funding.

Currently, the SVRU provides office space to OCS and I fully expect that to continue in the future unless the charity grows to a size where it requires additional space. Indeed, SVRU funding is provided from a grant issued by the Scottish Government. At the present time this includes the salary of the project lead for OCS and enables the SVRU to make an annual contribution to running costs of OCS. Clearly, this funding is subject to annual review from the Scottish Government although I fully intend to submit an application for this funding to be continued. The SVRU do not charge OCS for administration costs and are pleased at our continued association with this excellent initiative.

The SVRU report to Scottish Government on a quarterly basis regarding progress of its projects and annually for the next year of funding.

I trust that this information meets your requirements and I wish you all the success in the world as OCS develops.

Yours sincerely,

Niven Rennie
Director

