



HMICS Statement of sustainable economic growth 2011/12

The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, section 32(1)(a) requires listed public bodies to publish a statement of the steps it has taken during the financial year to promote and increase sustainable growth through the exercise of its functions.

The following statement sets out the steps that HMICS has taken during this period. Further information on our work is contained on our website at www.hmics.org

Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Scotland contributes to sustainable economic growth in Scotland by monitoring police forces in Scotland and helping them to improve. This is achieved through our programme of Best Value audits and inspections which highlight areas for improvement to forces and to the police authorities and boards who hold them to account. Through our thematic inspections we also make recommendations for improvement to forces, partners, the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and the Scottish Government. We also provide independent advice to all stakeholders.

We inspect forces who's total annual budget for 2011/12 was £1.37bn. During the year we conducted a Best Value audit and inspection of Lothian and Borders Police/joint police board and commenced audit and inspections of Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary/Dumfries and Galloway Council Police & Fire Committee and Central Scotland Police/joint police board, in conjunction with Audit Scotland. We also conducted a crime audit of all Scottish forces and completed the second part of our thematic inspection on victims in the criminal justice system. All of our reports are published on our website at www.hmics.org.

During this period we also submitted written evidence to the Scottish Parliament, Justice, Local Government and Regeneration and Finance Committees in relation to the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Bill 2010. Following this, HM Inspector of Constabulary was invited to give evidence at all three committees.

In addition to the above, we have contributed to the National Performance Framework by implementing a range of measures to reduce our impact on the environment, including promoting the use of public transport and greater use of recycling. On 31 March 2012 we took part in "Earth hour", an event co-ordinated by the World Wildlife Fund to raise awareness of climate change and sustainability.