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### MEDIA RELEASE

**The Scottish Police Federation represents all police officers in the ranks of constable, sergeant, inspector and chief inspector, police cadets and special constables; over 18,500 people, 98% of all police officers in Scotland.**

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Speaking in response to the Scottish Government Budget Calum Steele, General Secretary of the Scottish Police Federation said;

*“Whilst additional money of any kind is never to be dismissed, today's budget represents a considerable missed opportunity. The budget suggests that the government thinks it knows better than the chief constable as to what is needed to keep Scotland safe.*

*Whilst the additional £37m will support policing numbers, the service remains at the mercy of local authorities who can cut funding for 300 officers on a whim. It is also true that this additional money does nothing to address the chronic underfunding of our police service.*

*The capital allocation is nothing short of embarrassing. The Police Service of Scotland is the second largest force in the UK, it has unique demands that do not exist in many other police forces yet its capital allocation is more in line with that of a small English county force.*

*Policing in Scotland remains unsustainable and the Government cannot be allowed to walk away from the Police Scotland project. This budget shows a deaf ear has been turned to the needs of the police service which in turn makes each and every one of us less safe.”*

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