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Dear Sir,

Re: Communities, Equality and Local Government  
Committee 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011

I read with interest the evidence provided to the  
Committee regarding the inquiry into community safety  
in Wales.

I would ask that the following point is raised (if possible)  
with the Members of the Committee and in particular Mr  
Mark Isherwood AM. At paragraph 86 Mr Isherwood  
raised the issue of paperwork for police officers and  
again raised the point at paragraph 93. While Mr

Arundale responded on the bureaucracy issues, he did not deal directly with the  
visibility issue which is directly connected. Mr Isherwood stated at paragraph 93 that  
officers only spend one hour on the streets and nine in the station.

It is a fact that an officer could only spend ten hours on the streets if he or she worked  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 52 weeks and one day (2 in leap years) a year. The  
maximum is 2 hours. The other eight reflect the fact that officers, like all employees  
have hours off work every day, days off and weeks off. The very best that could be  
achieved by an officer would be 20%. Clearly any effort to reduce the time that officers  
spend completing paperwork would be welcomed.

We have as Police Authorities raised on a number of occasions the concerns with the  
way this issue is reported (to Home office, Home Affairs Select Committee, & the  
Association of Police Authorities) and felt it was important that this matter was raised  
with the Committee as part of their inquiry.

Yours Faithfully,

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