

Item no 5.5

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the
Convener of the Communities and
Neighbourhoods Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 24
November 2016**

Accuracy of Statements Alleging Hate Crime

Question

On 10th November at the budget consultation event in the City Chambers the Convener of Communities and Neighbourhoods said:

“In terms of hate crime, [since the result of the EU referendum] what we have seen is a quadrupling in the number of incidents of hate crime that are reported to third party reporting, not necessarily to the police, and these are things that we need to be able to combat.”

Given that the Police Scotland has repeatedly indicated that post EU referendum levels of reporting of hate crimes have not shown an increase, and that the April-October 2016 statistics show a 3.2% drop in the number of hate crimes recorded (based on the same period in the previous year), on what basis did you refer to a quadrupling of hate crime incidents?

Answer