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The Commission on Devolution in Wales is an independent Commission that was set up by the UK Government in October 2011 with the purpose of reviewing the present financial and constitutional settlement in Wales. The Commission finished its work on the financial settlement in November 2012 and since then has been focusing on the second part of its remit.

In this part of its work, the Commission has been asked to review the powers of the National Assembly in the light of experience and to recommend modifications to the present constitutional arrangements that would enable the United Kingdom and National Assembly for Wales to better serve the people of Wales. More details on our work, and on the evidence we have so far received, is available on our website at Commissionondevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk

Between the end of November 2012 and the beginning of March 2013 we ran a consultation exercise seeking views from organisations and individuals on the current constitutional settlement in Wales. The purpose of this exercise was to inform our work and bring to our attention specific issues that were at the forefront of the public's mind.

One of the issues that has been raised by a number of individuals, organisations and practitioners is whether or not powers over policing should be devolved to the National Assembly for Wales. Devolution of policing is opposed by the UK Government and one of the four Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners; it is supported by the Welsh Government, two of the Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners and the four Welsh Chief Constables.

In discussion, the Commission agreed that the views of former Home Secretaries on this issue would be of great interest. If you are willing to send us your views on whether or not you believe there is a case for the devolution of policing and, if so, whether policing should be devolved without devolving other parts of the criminal justice system, that would be greatly appreciated.