

Tories condemn release of Al Megrahi

The Lockerbie Bomber has now lived longer outside jail than any other convicted murderer released on compassionate grounds and reports state that he is actively making a documentary in Libya.

Bill Aitken MSP, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Justice, says: "Since the Lockerbie Bomber was released, he has enjoyed a life of luxury, celebrated his birthday and now surpasses the record for the longest amount of time a convicted murderer has been free after being granted compassionate release.

"It is now nine months since Britain's worst mass murderer returned to Tripoli to a hero's welcome. The SNP Government has yet to come clean and produce the evidence that set him free. The public has a right to see that evidence. He is supposed to be getting regular medical checks and monitoring – these must be made public as well.

"Since his release he has courted the media and now we learn he is actively making a documentary in Libya. It would be outrageous if he was to make one penny of personal gain from any documentary, interview or memoir. That would be the final insult to the 270 victims and their families.

"Every day, the SNP Government looks more and more foolish and until all the evidence is published, that will not change."