Dear Paul,

Thank you for your further letter.

I would like to reiterate my unreserved apologies for the offence caused by my accidental retweeting of this offensive image.

I am sorry also that you are continuing to receive adverse comment on the matter and I will address each of the outstanding points which you have raised in turn.

Firstly, as you already know, I was horrified to learn that I had unintentionally retweeted this picture. I can say truthfully and unequivocally that the moment it was brought to my attention I immediately deleted the tweet. It is unfortunate that I did not realise it sooner myself.

On Monday I issued an apology for the error and for the offence caused. I had sight of the letter from the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities to SNP Leader Nicola Sturgeon on Tuesday. I thought it would be appropriate to write my own considered response, which I issued publically the very next day.

I hope that this offers some clarity on the matter and again I offer my unreserved apologies for my error and for the offence it has caused.

Yours sincerely, Sandra White