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The Scottish Conservatives have officially reported Nicola Sturgeon's government for destroying hand written instructions and using an SNP email account to direct civil servants and conduct government business.

Donald Cameron MSP has today urged the National Records of Scotland to intervene and investigate the First Minister for potentially breaching the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011.

The letter argues that the Scottish Government may have broken section 1 of the Act by circumventing their own Records Management Plan, rendering it redundant, and by failing to keep records that should be retained for at least five years.

The Scottish Conservatives have called for the Keeper of the Records to urgently step in to investigate these Scottish Government practices.

Scottish Conservative MSP Donald Cameron said:

"By using a party email account and destroying hand written instructions, Nicola Sturgeon's government is putting every imaginable hurdle in the way to limit transparency and keep her decisions secret.

"This is an unacceptable and unprecedented attempt to avoid scrutiny and it simply cannot be allowed to continue any longer.

"That's why I've written to the Keeper of the Records today to ask that he investigates this as a matter of urgency.

"Even for this SNP government, with its dubious record on transparency, this is a new low. It cannot be considered business as usual to treat the historical record of government at will, and it raises the very serious question – what does Nicola Sturgeon have to hide?"