FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR EVIDENCE
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL; FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM
SUBMISSION FROM THE SCOTTISH COURT SERVICE

Consultation
Did you take part in the consultation exercise for the Bill, if applicable, and if so did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

1. The Scottish Court Service did not participate in the consultation exercise.

If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

2. Not applicable

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?

3. Yes

Costs
If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that these have been accurately reflected in the Financial Memorandum? If not, please provide details.

4. Not applicable

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?

5. We have no reason to doubt the costings set out in the Financial Memorandum

If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

6. Provided that the number of cases is as projected in the Financial Memorandum, then we would expect that the Scottish Court Service would be in a position to absorb any financial costs that might be incurred.

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?

7. We have no reason to doubt the projections made in the Financial Memorandum.
**Wider Issues**

*Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?*

8. We have no reason to doubt the costs captured in the Financial Memorandum.

*Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation or more developed guidance? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?*

9. We are unaware of any further related costs.