FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR EVIDENCE

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL: FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS BOARD FOR SCOTLAND

Consultation

Did you take part in either of the Scottish Government consultation exercises which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

1. Yes - the Board were invited to comment on the proposals of the Bill and the Financial memorandum and provided comments in writing copies of the responses can be made available to the Committee on request.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

2. Yes

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 FM? If not, please provide details?

4. Yes

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

5. Yes – as far as the appointment process for summary sheriffs is concerned.

If relevant, are you content that your organisation can meet the financial costs associated with the Bill which your organisation will incur? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

6. Yes

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the estimates and the timescales over which such costs would be expected to arise?

7. Yes – as far as the appointment process for summary sheriffs is concerned.

Wider Issues

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

8. Yes – as far as the appointment process for summary sheriffs is concerned.
Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?

9. The Board is not aware of any such future costs associated with the Bill as drafted.