FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR EVIDENCE

DEFECTIVE AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS (RECOVERY OF EXPENSES) (SCOTLAND) BILL: FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM SCOTTISH LEGAL AID BOARD

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. No. The Board has no record of being consulted on the Bill.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. n/a

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
3. n/a

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. The Board believes that, based on the assumption that there will be a very small number of appeals, the cost to the Legal Aid Fund should be negligible.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM and projected over 15 years for each service are reasonable and accurate?
n/a

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?
5. The Legal Aid Fund is non-cash limited and the Scottish Government makes available the funds required to meet the costs of legal aid cases that meet the statutory tests.

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?
6. n/a.

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?
7. n/a.
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?

8. n/a.