



The Lord President

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Dear Convenor,

PEO1458 Register of Interests for Members of the Scottish Judiciary

When we met on you asked me to consider whether it would be possible to make publicly available information about cases in which a judge or sheriff formally recuses him or herself from hearing a case.

I am pleased to say that my officials have devised a means by which this can be achieved. Court Clerks will inform the Judicial Office for Scotland when a judge or sheriff has to recuse. The reason for recusal will be provided. The fact of recusal and the reason for it will appear on the Judiciary of Scotland website (<http://www.scotland-judiciary.org.uk>).

I intend to commence the collection of information from 1 April 2014 to give time for the administrative arrangements to be put in place. The website will be updated as notification of recusal is received.

The Right Honourable Lord Gill

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