

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service submission of 31 March 2023

PE1984/D: Introduce the C100 form for child arrangement orders in Scotland

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2023 seeking the views of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (“the SCTS”) on the above petition.

The response is submitted by the SCTS acting in its role to provide efficient and effective administration to the courts and tribunals and does not include the views of the Judiciary.

Whilst the introduction of a C100 form or an equivalent in Scotland is a policy matter for the Scottish Government, we have detailed some of the potential impacts the proposals may have on the SCTS below.

- There may be an impact on court time and court programming, particularly as these cases will require views of the child to be considered.
- Changes to court rules and forms will need to be considered, particularly with a view to making them more accessible to members of the public. This would be a matter for the Scottish Civil Justice Council to consider.
- IT system changes will likely be required and there will be costs associated with these.
- Changes in procedure will require the preparation of guidance and training resources for SCTS staff and the judiciary.

We hope this is of assistance to the Committee.