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Dear Convener,

Criminal Justice Committee - Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 - evidence session 9 March 2022

I thank you again for the opportunity to give evidence on 9 March. During the session I confirmed I would provide further clarification in so far as possible, in respect of the procedural position of the 10 virtual trials referenced in my letter of 8 March, as being scheduled for trial at the start of January.

Upon further review I can confirm that the position in respect of the 10 cases is as follows:-

- 2 have proceeded
- 1 was deserted
- 3 were converted to a physical trials
- 4 have trial dates assigned and are scheduled to take place in March/April.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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