



Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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Dear Morna

Evidence on the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill

I am writing to you as on behalf of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee to thank you for giving evidence to the Committee at its meeting on Tuesday 23 April.

At that meeting, you [said](#) towards the end “I have had numerous complaints made by parties with interests in things that I have and have not done, and they have been resolved through the process of referral to the Accountant of Court. That process works. For example, last year, I had a case that was taken to court. I stress that that was not done by the Accountant of Court; an individual, in opposing my discharge, complained to the court that I had not done something specific. I reassure the committee that I was judicially discharged and that the court was quite happy with all my actings. The point is that the mechanisms work, as I see them, and people have the ability to take matters forward if they have an interest in the estate.”

The Committee would be grateful if you could quantify this comment, perhaps with reference to the last 5 years – both in terms of number of complaints (and how this number relates the total number of cases), and how they were resolved (i.e. were all but the one mentioned resolved by reference to the Accountant of Court?).

As is standard in relation to correspondence with the Committee, we would plan to publish your response, which would also feed into the Committee’s Stage 1 report on this Bill.

The Committee seeks a response by **Friday 3 May**. Please let the clerks know if this date or request provides any difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart McMillan MSP
Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee