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Dear Convener

Thank you for sharing the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's Report on Civil Legal Assistance in Scotland, published on 17 September 2025, directly with my officials. I welcome the Committee's comprehensive and detailed scrutiny of all the contributions and evidence it received.

The Scottish Government also extends its gratitude to the Social Justice and Social Security Committee's report on Inquiry into Financial Considerations When Leaving an Abusive Relationship, published on 09 July 2025. Part 6 of that report address issues across the legal aid system and proposed reform. The recommendations and conclusions were referred to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee to consider. There are common themes and issues identified by both Committees. I will take these into account when considering and reflecting on your conclusions and recommendations.

The Scottish Government will continue to collaborate closely with stakeholders on the areas identified by both Committee's.

Yours sincerely,



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