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Dear Convener

The Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026

I am writing in relation to the Criminal Justice Committee's pre-budget scrutiny session on 4 November 2026.

During the session, reference was made to paragraph 12 of the Policy Note accompanying the *Maximum Number of Judges (Scotland) Order 2026*, and it was stated that the annual cost of an additional Senator was £318,000.

To ensure the accuracy of the Committee's record, I would like to clarify that the annual cost of an additional Senator is £416,807, as set out in paragraph 12 of the Policy Note.

I would be grateful if this clarification could be noted by the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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