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Dear Convener

Legal advice

In my letter of 8 March, I committed to [publishing two email chains](#) associated with meetings with external Counsel on 2 November 2018 and 13 November 2018, during the judicial review raised by Mr Salmond, which Committee members had asked about. I confirm that necessary checks and data protection notifications have been completed and these documents have now been published on the Scottish Government website. The first email chain provides a summary of the consultation discussion with Counsel on 2 November. The second email chain provides copies of papers circulated for the meeting on 13 November. The emails confirm the focus of the meetings was on adjustments to the arguments in the pleadings in the judicial review.

In your letter of 9 March, the Committee asked for further information in addition to the legal advice already published by the Scottish Government. We are considering this request urgently and I will reply separately as soon as possible.

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