Justice Committee

Post-legislative scrutiny of the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 2007

Letter from the Scottish Government

You wrote to me on 1 October to ask for my views on concerns the Scottish Legal Complaints Commission raised with Committee about working within the Legal Profession and Legal Aid Scotland Act 2007. I apologise that this reply comes to you a little later than I would have wished.

I am aware that SLCC are now in discussion with the Law Society of Scotland on developing a consensual approach to reach an agreement on the key improvements required to this legislation, and I’m greatly encouraged to learn that they are meeting with the other professional bodies and consumer interests, including Which and Citizens Advice Scotland, later this month.

I expect to receive an early indication of the outcome of this meeting and I will let you have my consideration then on what is proposed in terms of legislative change. I hope this approach is helpful.

Kenny MacAskill MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Justice
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