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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation – Proposed Domestic Abuse (Prevention) (Scotland) Bill

I refer to the above consultation to which I respond on behalf of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS). The response is submitted by the SCTS acting in its role to provide efficient and effective administration to the courts and tribunals and does not include the views of the Judiciary.

The SCTS is unable to comment on many proposals posed in the consultation as they do not directly affect the SCTS.

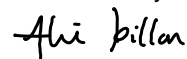
However, what is proposed by way of introduction of a Register for those who commit domestic abuse and the proposed mandatory rehabilitation measures, will impact on the SCTS in terms of:

- court time and relative court programming;
- associated staff training, and
- costs involved in relevant IT changes. Further it is unclear at this stage whether the reporting requirement duties placed upon the Scottish Government will also require the SCTS to make changes to our case management systems. If this is necessary then there will be costs associated with this.

Should specific proposals be taken forward, the SCTS would welcome the opportunity to be kept informed of any developments, including contributing towards any financial memorandum if required.

I am content for this response to be published.

Yours faithfully



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