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Dear Colin

**Direction under section 4A of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986**

The Scottish Ministers give the following direction under section 4 A of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986. The Scottish Legal Aid Board must prepare and publish a plan for Improving the Debt Advice Journey Programme 2020-2023.

The maximum amount that may be paid out of the Fund for the grant is:

- 1 October 2020 – 31 March 2021: up to £650,000
- 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022: up to £1,300,000
- 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023: up to £1,300,000

The period in relation to which this limit applies is 23 September 2020 to 31 March 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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