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Dear Colin

### **SCOTTISH LEGAL AID BOARD (“SLAB”) GRANT-FUNDING PROGRAMME**

I am writing to formally inform you that we are content to increase the upper limit of expenditure that can be paid from the Legal Aid Fund for the purposes of grant-funding advice services from the period of 1 April 2024 up to 30 June 2024.

As you are aware, SLAB currently has approval under section 4A of the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 for expenditure of up to £55m until 31 March 2024. We are content to increase the upper limit of expenditure from £55m to £56m.

We will review the limit in liaison with SLAB before the end of June and we will issue a revised letter, if required once we have received a Ministerial decision on the grant-funding advice services for the remainder of 2024.

Yours Sincerely

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