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By email: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

WORKING GROUP ON BAR REPORTERS

1. I am writing to invite ADSW to nominate one person to attend a working group on bar reporters. I would be grateful for just one person to be nominated as we need to limit the numbers to ensure the working group is manageable.

2. Last year the Scottish Government published research on bar reports. This research can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/01/07142042/0> In 2009, paragraphs 100 to 112 of Chapter 5 of Lord Gill's Report of the Scottish Civil Courts Review discussed persons appointed in civil proceedings to protect the interests of the child and/or to provide a report to the court. Lord Gill's report can be found at <http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/civilcourtsreview/> Following Lord Gill's report and the Scottish Government's research, we have decided to establish a working group on bar reporters.


3. The attached paper outlines the proposed terms of reference for the working group. The attached paper also contains background material and outlines the potential role for the working group. Annex A to the paper lists the bodies invited to attend and Annex B gives a broad indication on timings; number of meetings and what these meetings could consider.

4. You may also be interested in this research carried out in 1987 by the then Scottish Office on Children in Divorce in the Sheriff Court: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Justice/law/17867/familylawresearch/child-divorce-research-1987> This research considered issues in relation to reports.

5. I would be grateful if you could advise my colleague [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who you wish to nominate to attend the working group. [REDACTED] will then proceed to arrange the first meeting.

6. I look forward to working with your nomination at the working group.

Yours sincerely


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