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Sent: 17 October 2022 17:51
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Judicial Register of Interests Submission

Thanks [REDACTED].

I'd suggest in the sub, under the section on BHA implications, adding a paragraph that says something along lines of [REDACTED]

In terms of Green engagement on this, the most important thing will be to make sure Maggie Chapman is aware [REDACTED]

Hope this helps,

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 October 2022 14:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Judicial Register of Interests Submission

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

I have been working on a submission on the introduction of Judicial Register of Interest in Scotland. The submission is below along with the annexes.

I was hoping to pass on for awareness and also to get your view on how I would best engage the Green SpAds. There are no direct Bute House agreements but the submission does relate back to a 21/22 PfG commitment.

Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

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Annex C - PQ on JRI July 2022

[REDACTED]

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Justice Portfolio Manifesto and PfG Commitments Tracker 2021

[update January 2023]

Manifesto Commitment	PfG Commitment	Leg Req'd?	Planned Delivery (Inc. timescales 2021-2025)	Policy Lead & Unit
Improve transparency and trust in the justice system, we will create a register of interests for members of the judiciary.	The SNP 2021 manifesto committed to introducing a Judicial Register of Interests. The commitment to begin work on establishing a judicial register of interests was subsequently included in the 2021/22 Programme for Government. It was not, however, included in the 2022/23 Programme for Government [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	✓	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Courts & Tribunals

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

WRITTEN ANSWER

5 August 2022

Index Heading: Education and Justice

Russell Findlay (West Scotland) (Conservative): To ask the Scottish Government whether it will provide an update on its work to establish a judicial register of interests.

(S6W-09968)

Mr Keith Brown:

In 'A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021/22', the Scottish Government committed to begin work on establishing a register of interests for the judiciary to increase public confidence and improve transparency.

To date, preparatory work on developing proposals for a judicial register of interests has been undertaken and my officials are currently developing options and next steps with the intention of engaging with stakeholders towards the end of 2022.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

BACKGROUND NOTE FOR PQ S6W-09968

1. Russell Findlay is a Scottish Conservative and Unionist MSP for West of Scotland and the Deputy Convener of the Criminal Justice Committee.
2. Since 2012, there has been a petition before the Scottish Parliament, lodged by Peter Cherbi, which calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a judicial register of interests (Petition 1458).
3. After 5 years of consideration the Public Petitions Committee reached the conclusion that a register should be introduced and in 2018 referred it to the Criminal Justice Committee.
4. [REDACTED]
5. The introduction of a Judicial Register of Interests was also resisted by Scottish Ministers, including the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to the Criminal Justice Committee in 2020 and as a result its introduction was not progressed.
6. The SNP 2021 manifesto, however, committed to introducing a JRI to improve transparency and trust in the justice system. We included a commitment to begin work on establishing a judicial register of interests in the 2021/22 Programme for Government.
7. The Criminal Justice Committee wrote to you in 22 November 2019 requesting an update on the commitment and you provided a response on 6 February 2020.
8. You also wrote to the Lord President regarding the JRI and discussed the matter at your last discussion with him.
9. [REDACTED]

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