

Scottish Government submission of 15 June 2022

PE1917/E: Provide full legal aid to all parents fighting for access to their children

I write in response to your correspondence dated 20 May 2022. The [Independent Strategic Review](#) chaired by Martyn Evans was completed in February 2018. The Scottish Government response can be found [here](#).

The Scottish Government thereafter held a public [consultation](#) on the recommendations made in the review in 2019 and has stated its willingness to take forward supported recommendations that will deliver an enhanced system of legal aid across Scotland. Consultation responses were received from those involved within the criminal and civil justice system, third sector, and individual members of the public. Within that 75% of respondents to that consultation agreed that those who could afford to make a contribution to their legal advice should continue to do so - [Legal aid reform: consultation analysis - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#).

It is the intention of Ministers to introduce the Legal Aid Reform (Scotland) Bill during this parliament.

I hope this is of assistance.