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Dear Gillian,

Legal costs for litigants

As you may be aware, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee is currently undertaking Stage 1 scrutiny of the Trusts and Succession (Scotland) Bill in the Scottish Parliament.

In the course of its scrutiny, the Committee has sought information on the legal costs for litigants, in the context of seeking to understand the comparative costs between the Court of Session and sheriff courts. This information would help the Committee to consider the potential impact of the Bill and the proposals it contains in relation to bringing trust cases to these respective courts.

As such, the Committee has agreed to write to you and the Auditor of the Court of Session requesting (a) any information you hold on average legal costs for litigants bringing a trust case to the sheriff court, and (b) the average legal costs for litigants in bringing a civil case to the sheriff court more generally. Any information you are able to provide would be most helpful in informing the Committee's scrutiny.

Should any clarification or discussion of what information you might be able to provide be necessary, please do not hesitate to contact the clerk to the Committee.

A response by Friday 22 September would be appreciated

Yours sincerely,

Stuart McMillan MSP

Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee