

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

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Dear Eric,

Judicial Factors – average duration of factory

As you are aware, the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee is currently scrutinising the Judicial Factors (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 and looks forward to taking evidence from three of your colleagues from the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS) on 30 April.

Ahead of that meeting, the Committee has agreed to write to ask the SCTS, via the Accountant of Court, to provide the (a) average and (b) median length of judicial factors' appointments.

To ascertain this figure, it might be helpful to consider the average / median of factories which have concluded in the last 10 years.

It would also be helpful to know how many judicial factors currently in post have been so in relation to the same judicial factory for over (i) three, (ii) five and (iii) ten years.

The Committee would be grateful for a **response by close of business on Monday 22 April.** Should this timescale pose an issue, please get in touch with the clerk to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart McMillan MSP

Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee