

FINANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR EVIDENCE

COURTS REFORM (SCOTLAND) BILL: FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

SUBMISSION FROM SCOTTISH CIVIL JUSTICE COUNCIL

The projections provided in the Financial Memorandum in relation to the Rules Rewrite Project are an accurate reflection of the resources required. It is worth noting that the programme of procedural reform which the SCJC is tasked with carrying out is significant and wide-ranging. As well as implementation of the Bill, includes a major rewrite project to consolidate, simplify and harmonise the civil court rules. That project will be undertaken alongside the regular changes to rules that are required as a result of new legislation or developments in case law. The SCJC is eager to maintain the momentum of civil courts reform. To that end, the SCJC is working with the Scottish Government to ensure that rules changes can be properly co-ordinated so as to ensure progress on civil courts reform can be maintained.