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Dear Mr Gibson

When I appeared before the Finance Committee on 18 December, Gavin Brown MSP asked about releases of the IT system. I explained that we have been developing the system iteratively through multiple releases and indicated that there had been a formal release at end November. It may be helpful if I clarify that the formal releases to date have been of individual system components. The formal release of the full system will take place once unit testing, involving external users, is completed.

We would expect that formal release to take place in late January or early February as I indicated to the committee. Following the formal release we will continue to have both internal and external users accessing the system and providing feedback if they pick up any further points that we need to address. A demonstration of the system to the Law Society of Scotland before Christmas has provided positive feedback and testing involving external users, including solicitors, will start next week.

I hope this clarification is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely

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