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Dear Sheriff Duff,

Children (Scotland) Bill

As you may be aware, the Justice Committee is currently considering the Children (Scotland) Bill. On Thursday 20 February, the Committee took evidence from Lady Wise and Sheriff Tait. During that evidence session, the Committee explored what training is currently provided to the judiciary on issues relating to the Bill. We heard that courses on both domestic abuse and child law were available.

The Committee would be grateful for some more details on these training courses, including:

- an overview of the content of the courses;
- whether participation in the courses is mandatory or voluntary;
- how often the courses are offered; and
- numbers attending across different levels of the judiciary.

I would be grateful for a reply to this letter by Friday 13 March at the latest, as the Committee is due to consider its Stage 1 report on the Bill shortly after that date.

Best wishes,

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Deputy Convener, Justice Committee