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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation – Proposed Electricians (Scotland) Bill

I refer to the above consultation to which I respond on behalf of the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service (SCTS). The response is submitted by the SCTS acting in its role to provide efficient and effective administration to the courts and tribunals and does not include the views of the Judiciary.

The SCTS is unable to comment on the majority of the questions posed in the consultation as they do not directly affect the SCTS.

However, what is proposed by way of new offences and penalties will impact on the SCTS in terms of:

- court time and relative court programming;
- associated staff training and accommodation resources, and
- costs involved in relevant IT changes.

Additionally Paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 of the consultation document indicate a proposed appeals process for scheme providers. It is not clear, from the proposals, how these appeals will be administered or whether they will be in the form of a statutory appeal to the court. If the intention is the latter, any such provisions will impact on the SCTS as set out above.

Should specific proposals be taken forward, the SCTS would welcome the opportunity to be kept informed of any developments, including contributing towards any financial memorandum if required.

I am content for this response to be published.