

Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service



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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Group Procedure - Call for evidence

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.

Whilst we cannot comment on the specific questions posed in the call for evidence, I have provided some comments on the potential operational impact for the SCTS.

Rule changes to extend Chapter 26A of the Rules of the Court of Session to cover “opt-out” group proceedings could potentially impact on case volumes of the Court of Session. While it is noted that the number of opt-in cases raised since 31 July 2020 is relatively low, the absence of potential volumes of opt-out cases makes it difficult to assess the impacts for the SCTS. Any increase in cases will have a resultant impact on resources and costs to the SCTS.

We further note that potential changes to court rules may require IT changes and training for SCTS staff which will also have resource and cost implications.

The SCTS are content for this response to be published and would be grateful if we could be kept informed of the progress of this call for evidence and related matters.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Dillon".

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