

SCJC BUSINESS TRACKER					
No.	Subject	Action	Lead	Key dates	Progress/next steps
B2	Children and Young People Bill	Consideration of consequential changes to rules.	FLC	Earliest commencement anticipated spring 2014.	Bill passed by Parliament on 19 February 2014. SG intends to prepare a policy paper for the 1 September meeting of the FLC.
B4	Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill	Consideration of consequential changes to rules.	FLC	Earliest commencement anticipated Autumn 2014.	Bill passed by Parliament on 4 February 2014. The Scottish Government brought a policy paper to the FLC meeting on 7 April. The FLC has considered its general policy approach to the Act and the implementation arrangements for the Act. LPPO and the Secretariat will liaise with the Scottish Government to coordinate draft rules with the Act's implementation plan. It is intended that these rules be combined with the simplified divorce draft rules into one instrument. LPPO to provide a paper for 1 September meeting of the FLC

B16	EU Regulation on mutual recognition of protection measures in civil matters.	Consideration and preparation of changes to rules.	FLC	Implementation to be effected by January 2015	SG intend to prepare a paper for the 1 September meeting of the FLC but, as the Regulation goes further than Family Law, the paper may go directly to SCJC.
C2	DWP Consultation: Strengthening Families, promoting parental responsibilities	Monitor the development of policy.	FLC	Consultation response published 12 July 2011. DWP 19 July 2012 consultation on fee charging for using new statutory scheme, (Child Maintenance Service replacing CSA) 'Supporting separated families: securing children's futures', including Draft SI for 'Child Support Fees Regs' 2013. Ministerial response published 20 May 2013; UKG response to consultation published November 2013.	Secretariat to monitor progress.

C5	Scottish Government Bar Reporters Working Group	Monitor work and consider recommendations/outputs as appropriate.	FLC	BRWG met on 29 October to discuss an "options paper" prepared by the SG. SG intends to publish the paper following consideration and revisit its action plan to take a view on what can be taken forward. BRWG has established a sub-committee to consider the contents of bar reports and provide guidance.	Secretariat to monitor progress. The BRWG sub-committee met on 20 March 2014 and will now be taking forward the preparation of guidance for Sheriffs and Solicitors. A further meeting will be held in the summer.
C8	The Voice of the Child	SG is preparing papers and consideration is to be given to the SG policy proposals	FLC	Ongoing	SG intends to prepare a policy paper for later this year.
C9	Arbitration, ADR and Mediation in family cases	SG is preparing papers and consideration is to be given to the SG policy proposals	FLC	Ongoing	SG intends to prepare a policy paper for later this year.

D12	Extension of Simplified Divorce	Consideration to be given to the Scottish Government's suggestion that Simplified Divorce proceedings be extended to cases where there are children under 16.	FLC	Implementation timescales tbc.	<p>SG plan to consult in 2014. FLC agreed at 7 April meeting provisions for sheriff court applications were in reasonably settled form. Deputy Legal Secretary to prepare draft equivalent provisions for Court of Session and FLC to consider draft of entire rules at 2 June meeting. Once draft rules are in final form FLC will decide whether to recommend that SCJC consult on the rules.</p>
D17	Adoption and Permanence	Changes to rules around sections 95 and 96 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 to clarify and define administrative time limits and consider non-disclosure of sensitive information	FLC	Ongoing	<p>FLC agreed at 7 April meeting not to pursue changes to Sheriff Court Adoption Rules and that it had no objection to rule 50 being renumbered to bring it together with other intimation provisions.</p> <p>SG to bring paper to future FLC meeting to provide an update on the 2 pilots seeking to improve processes around disposal of s.95 reports.</p> <p>SG to bring paper to 1 September meeting around non-disclosure of sensitive information contained in s.95(2) report.</p>