

ITEM 2.3: ACTIVITY SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING

Purpose

- 1) To update members on activity which has taken place since the last SCJC meeting of 13 January 2014.

Committee Activity

- 2) Committee activity reports are provided as follows:
 - **Paper 2.3A** – Personal Injury Committee
 - **Paper 2.3B** – Information and Communications Technology Committee
 - **Paper 2.3C** – Family Law Committee
 - **Paper 2.3 D** - Costs and Funding Committee
- 3) The Costs and Funding Committee held its inaugural meeting on 24 February 2014. Members may wish to note that the Committee supports the SCJC's view that primary legislation is required to extend the SCJC's statutory functions so as to include the preparation of draft fees instruments for submission to the Court of Session. This is discussed further at **Paper 5.1**.

Rules made since last meeting

- 4) There have been no new rules made since the last meeting of the SCJC.

Minutes of meetings and SCJC documents

- 5) The following SCJC documents have been published:
 - [Analysis of reporting restrictions consultation](#)
 - [Records management plan](#)

6) Links to minutes of meetings of the SCS Board, SLAB Board and SCJC Committees since 13 January 2014 are provided as follows:

- Rules Rewrite Working Group meeting 16 January 2014: [draft minutes](#)
- Information and Communications Technology Committee meeting 27 January 2014: [draft minutes](#)
- Personal Injury Committee meeting 3 February 2014: draft minutes will soon be available [here](#)
- Family Law Committee meeting 10 February 2014: draft minutes will soon be available [here](#)
- Costs and Funding Committee meeting 24 February 2014: draft minutes will soon be available [here](#)
- SCS Board meeting 3 February 2014: [draft minutes](#)
- SLAB Board [minutes](#)

Publications and other developments of interest

- Appointment of SCS Board Members [announced](#) on 14 January.
- Courts Reform Bill [introduced](#) on 6 February 2014.
- [Regulatory Reform \(Scotland\) Act](#) received Royal Assent on 19 February 2014.
- Marriage and Civil Partnership Bill was [passed](#) by Parliament on 4 February 2014.
- Bankruptcy and Debt Advice Bill [passed Stage 2](#) on 22 January 2014.
- Consumers Rights Bill 2013-14 [introduced](#) on 23 January.
- [Case C 530/11 European Commission v. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland \[2014\] ECR 0000](#) – ECJ decision of 13 February 2014 concerning compliance with Public Participation Directive

Recommendation

7) **The Council is invited to:**

- a) note the committee activity since the Council's last meeting and their potential future business; and**
- b) note the other activity outlined in this paper.**

SCJC Secretariat

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