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Dear David

**SCOTTISH CIVIL JUSTICE COUNCIL: FAMILY LAW COMMITTEE
FAMILY JUSTICE MODERNISATION STRATEGY
POLICY PAPER ON CASE MANAGEMENT IN FAMILY ACTIONS**

1. I attach the Scottish Government's policy paper on case management in family actions for consideration by the Family Law Committee at its meeting on 8 May 2017.

2. The Minister for Community Safety and Legal Affairs has asked me to draw a number of points to the Committee's attention:

- The Scottish Government intends to consult early in 2018 on the review of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 and on aspects of the Family Justice Modernisation Strategy. Some of the areas raised in the attached policy paper will also be considered as part of this consultation.
- It is, of course, for the Committee to decide but the Scottish Government considers that the excellent work the Committee has carried out on reviewing the F9 form could be a model for taking forward work on case management (ie setting up a sub-committee and seeking views as appropriate).
- The Scottish Government considers it important to be clear on the remit of the various Committees of the Scottish Civil Justice Council.
- The Scottish Government notes that when considering case management in family actions, it may be possible to draw on existing provisions, such as the rules in place for applications for permanence orders.

Yours sincerely

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