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Review of Legal Aid

Serious concerns were raised at a recent Civil Justice Council meeting that the new Legal Aid contracts proposed as part of the Carter Review, may be implemented by the LSC before the report from the Constitutional Affairs Select Committee (CASC) has been published and considered.

The Council agreed that this would not be desirable since both you and the LSC will presumably wish to have considered the views of the Committee before taking any further step. The Council hopes that no such step will be taken. I have been asked by the Council to urge you (and the LSC) not to take any further steps until after the CASC Report has been digested.

The Council itself will naturally wish to consider the CASC report and will, as ever, be keen where it can to offer help and assistances to relevant interested parties.

Since I am writing I am asked to make one further request. It is that the consultation paper on the review of the Claims Process should be made available, if only in draft by the end of the month. The Council is holding a 'big tent' on the 1st and 2nd of March to discuss both funding and costs issues and the various processes involved in PI claims. It would be a great shame to miss the opportunity to discuss these important points with so many of the interested parties.

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