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BY E-MAIL

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Dear Mr Reid,

**Re-introduction of Civil Business**

Further to my letter of 9 June in relation to the re-introduction of summary criminal business, I now write in relation to the steps being taken in relation to civil business in Glasgow as we move in to phase 2 of the recovery programme on Monday 15 June.

The restart procedure will cease to operate in Glasgow from close of business today.

*Electronic Lodging of Documents*

I attach a new guidance note on electronic lodging – identical guidance is being issued in each sheriffdom. I would be grateful if you could draw this to the attention of your members. In essence, all documents in civil actions now require to be lodged electronically.

Please note carefully the e-mail addresses in the appendix. The Glasgow mailboxes for urgent applications and restart applications will cease to operate from close of business today.

*Debates*

As certain of your members will be aware, steps were taken some weeks ago to hear each of the debates that required to be administratively discharged. The first of these to proceed is scheduled for Tuesday of next week, with the remaining cases scheduled over the following two weeks.

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*Options Hearings / Continued Options Hearings*

A total of 86 options hearings and continued options hearings required to be administratively discharged. These have now been re-assigned. Interlocutors started to go out on Wednesday of this week.

Each case has been allocated to a nominated sheriff. The hearings will proceed by telephone in the weeks of 22 and 29 June.

Going forward, all ordinary civil actions will be allocated to a nominated sheriff, with the expectation that all procedural business is conducted by way of a telephone hearing.

*Case Management Hearings*

We are currently assigning new case management hearings ("CMH) in all the cases where the earlier CMH was administratively discharged. The new hearings will take place (again by telephone) in the week commencing 22 June.

*Child Welfare Hearings*

In the remaining family actions, we are now starting to take steps to fix either a child welfare hearing or an appropriate procedural hearing. These will commence on Monday 29 June

*Further Matters*

In phase 2 we are also going to address the ordinary actions which were at the stage of a proof and the ongoing simple procedure cases which were sisted. My intention would be to write to you towards the end of next week with an update in relation to those matters.

I hope this letter is of assistance to you and your members. If there is any matter arising from it that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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