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Dear Vanessa,

Application by Bar Standards Board (BSB) under section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 for the approval of the level of entity authorisation and annual fees

Thank you for submitting an application under section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act) on 30 October 2014. Under section 51, any fee that is a condition of authorisation to carry on a reserved legal activity is only payable if it has been approved by the Legal Services Board (LSB). Most commonly this is a "practising certificate fee", although section 51 refers to "practising fees" without reference to a certificate. We therefore consider that the authorisation fee and annual fee you are proposing to charge BSB regulated entities are "practising fees" for the purposes of section 51.

I am pleased to inform you that the authorisation and annual fees for 2015, as set out in the letter to us from Oliver Hanmer (BSB Director of Supervision) dated 30 October 2014, have been approved. This decision has been made under the authority delegated to me as Chief Executive by the LSB Board.

We note your assurance that these fee levels will be kept under close review and we expect that BSB will also consider how it might best combine the section 51 approval processes for individual barristers and BSB entities in future.

We will be publishing a copy of this decision letter on our website in the next few working days. Please contact Karen Marchant, Regulatory Associate, (karen.marchant@legalservicesboard.org.uk or 020 7271 0054) if you have any questions.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Crowne at The Bar Council for information.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kenny
Chief Executive

