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Dear Peter and Howard

Application under Section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007

On 8 July 2015 we received the Master of the Faculties application under Section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 seeking approval of for the practising certificate fee (PCF) for notaries for the year commencing 1 November 2015.

I am pleased to inform you that the 2015/16 PCF, including the contribution to the Contingency Fund, has been approved. This decision has been made under the authority delegated to me as the Chief Executive.

We welcome the proposal to maintain the level of PCF and contribution to the Contingency Fund at the same level as for 2014/15. We also note the action that the Master of the Faculties is taking to implement changes to its discipline procedures with the aim of minimising the risk of significant calls on the Contingency Fund. We are also encouraged that it hopes to be in a position to reduce the level of contributions to the fund in future years.

Should the Master of the Faculties decide it is not possible to reduce the contribution for 2016/17, we would expect a detailed explanation as to the reasons in its application, and a clear indication of when the Master of the Faculties considers it might be able to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Moriarty', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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cc Neil Turpin, Clerk, The Faculty Office