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Dear Victoria

Application by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx) and CILEx Regulation under section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 for the approval of the level of the practising fee 2019

On 23 August 2018, we received your application under Section 51 of the Legal Services Act 2007 seeking approval of the 2019 practising certificate fees (PCF).

I am pleased to confirm that the 2019 PCF have been approved. This decision has been made under the authority delegated to me by the LSB.

We welcome the fact that the PCF will be maintained at the same level for CILEx Fellows. In respect of the Associate Prosecutor fee, I am aware that this is paid by the Crown Prosecution Service and that the 7% increase in PCF represents the final instalment of the phased increase in fees.

It is encouraging that the proposed fees were consulted upon with the relevant regulated community, as raised in our decision letter of last year.

The LSB will continue to maintain a focus on regulatory costs and our expectation is that approved regulators should be taking steps to deliver reductions in fees while maintaining high regulatory standards. Where opportunities for savings and efficiencies are identified and realised we expect to see these reflected in future applications.

On the Compensation Fund contribution for 2019, this is not within the definition of permitted activities and so does not require approval under section 51. I enclose an Exemption Direction (issued under paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Act) approving this contribution level.

A copy of this letter will be published on our website in the next two business days.

Please contact Puja Vadgama (<u>puja.vadgama@legalservicesboard.org.uk</u> if you have any questions.

I have copied this letter to:

Helen Whiteman, Chief Executive, CILEx Regulation Karl Cerski, Director of Group Services & Chief Financial Officer

Yours sincerely,

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