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**LEGAL SERVICES BOARD'S JOINT SUBMISSION ON DEREGULATION OF
LEGAL SERVICES AND WIDER REFORM OPTIONS**

Thank you for your joint submission of 3 July sent on behalf of all the front line regulators on the deregulation of legal services and your letter of 6 July attached with your paper on legislative options beyond the Legal Services Act 2007. Thank you for coming to meet on 9 July to discuss the content of both these documents in more detail.

I am very pleased to see the efforts the LSB have made in encouraging the regulators to work together collaboratively, and I hope this will encourage ongoing cooperation and engagement between the LSB and regulators. My officials are currently considering these papers, and I will be discussing further with them after the summer recess.

With regards to your work on wider reforms to the legal services regulatory framework, I would be pleased if you could give this further consideration and share your findings with my officials over the summer, so that these can inform further discussions in the autumn.

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