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Dear Chris,

I hope that you and yours had a good holiday and that you are looking forward to what 2013 may bring.

I appreciated being sent a copy of the LSB's draft Business Plan 2013/14. As one of the sector regulators I have, of course, an interest in the LSB's approach to regulation and its planned activities for the coming year. There were certain activities and potential research projects mentioned in the Plan that particularly caught my attention. With regards to the former, I am, of course, interested in the results of the work scheduled for quarter 2 on reviewing the qualifying regulators' progress with respect to the provision of immigration advice and services. In addition, I would also like to know the outcome of the work in quarter 3 on comparison websites.

I would also find it useful to be kept informed on progress made with respect to two of the potential research projects listed – "public access to the Bar" and "client communications". We specifically raised the implications for OISC regulation of the Bar's public access scheme with the Bar Standards Board during 2012. I realise that these research projects may not happen due to lack of funding. Unfortunately the OISC does not have any spare funds to contribute, but please contact me if you think we can assist in any other way.

Yours sincerely,



Suzanne McCarthy
Immigration Services Commissioner