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Dear Antony,

Extension Notice issued under Part 3 of Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007

I am writing to you to issue an Extension Notice pursuant under paragraph 21(5) Schedule 4 to the Legal Services Act 2007 (the Act). The words used in this Extension Notice have the meanings given to them in the Act.

On 14 March 2012 and 15 March 2012 we received the following five applications (“the applications”) from the Solicitors Regulation Authority’s (SRA), to alter its regulatory arrangements:

- amendments to the Solicitors Keeping of the Roll Regulations and SRA Suitability Test 2011
- amendments to the SRA Practice Framework Rules 2011 and the SRA Authorisation Rules for Legal Services Bodies and Licensable Bodies 2011 in relation to immigration work
- approval of the SRA Insolvency Practice Rules (2012)
- amendments to the SRA Higher Rights of Audience Regulations 2011
- amendments to the SRA Training Regulations 2011.

Paragraph 21(4) of the Act requires the Board to make a decision with regard to the applications within 28 days of receiving the application (the “initial decision period”).

After an initial assessment of the applications, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period of each of the applications until 11 June 2012, being a period for each of the applications ending no more than 90 days from the day on which the application was received.

The extension of the initial decision periods of each of the applications is required due to the complexity of the issues raised in the applications, the high volume of alterations to the

regulatory arrangements that are proposed in the applications and the additional time required by us to assess the applications.

This Extension Notice is to be deemed made on and effective from 5 April 2012 and will expire at the end of 11 June 2012.

I have copied this letter to Russell Wallman and Mark Stobbs at The Law Society.

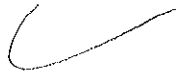
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kenny', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Kenny

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A simple handwritten checkmark in black ink.