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Dear Vanessa

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

This letter is an Extension Notice issued 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 26 April 2012 we received the Bar Standards Board's application to alter its regulatory arrangements in respect to the Bar Training Regulations to introduce the Bar Course Aptitude Test (BCAT). Paragraph 21(4) requires the Board to make a decision with regard to the application within 28 days of receiving the application (the "initial decision period").

After an initial assessment of the application, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period up to 90 days from the date of the receiving the Bar Standards Board's application.

The extension of the initial decision period is required due to the complexity of the issues raised in the application and the additional time required by us to assess the application.

This Extension Notice is to be deemed made on and effective from 21 May 2012 and will expire on 24 July 2012.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kenny', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Kenny
Chief Executive

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CC: Baroness Deech, Chair, Bar Standards Board; Valerie Shrimplin, Head of Education Standards, Bar Standards Board.