BY EMAIL (under section 203 of Legal Services Act 2007)

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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)(b) of 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 4 July 2018 we received an application from the Bar Standards Board (BSB) for the approval of removal of the Quality Assurance Scheme for Advocates (QASA) rules from the BSB Handbook. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 4 to the Act sets out an initial decision period of 28 days within which the Legal Services Board may make a decision on the application; paragraph 21(5) allows for this period to be extended.

After completing an initial assessment of the application, we have concluded that we need to extend the initial decision period to allow the LSB to further consider additional information provided by the BSB.

Therefore, and in accordance with paragraphs 21(5), (6) and (7) of Schedule 4 to the Act, the Board hereby extends the initial decision period by14 days from when the application was submitted, to 14 August 2018.

If you have any questions in relation to this notice please contact Angela Latta (angela.latta@legalservicesboard.org.uk, telephone 020 7271 0090).

A copy of this extension notice will be published on the LSB's website within the next two business days.

Yours sincerely,

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