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Dear Ruth

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

I am writing to you with regard to issuing 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 15 January 2011 we received the Bar Standards Board's application to alter its regulatory arrangements. 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 BSB'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 11 February 2011 and will expire on Thursday, 14 April 2011.

Yours sincerely

Chris Kenny Chief Executive

Cc: Peter Lodder QC, Bar Council