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Dear Lady Paton

Thank you for submitting the Scottish Law Commission's proposed Eleventh Programme of Law Reform. I would like to thank you and your fellow Commissioners for your work in consulting and putting together the proposals for projects over the next five years.

I agree that the new projects the Commission has selected following consultation and careful consideration represent a varied and worthwhile programme of work, and am pleased to give the proposals my formal approval on behalf of the Scottish Ministers. I recognise that the Commission is already undertaking an extensive range of law reform projects begun under the previous Programme, and that this work will continue under the new Programme.

I wish to take this opportunity to recognise that the Programme is in addition to other work undertaken by the Commission, including joint work with the Law Commission for England and Wales, and issues which may be referred to the Commission for consideration by the Scottish Ministers. I would like to record my appreciation of the Commission's flexibility in recognising that budgetary considerations in future years may have an impact on delivery of projects.

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