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Dear Malcolm,

**Preparation of the Commission's ninth programme of law reform
Consultation on possible law reform projects**

I hope this finds you well.

I am writing to you in my new role as Director of Development at the Scottish Court Service. Eric McQueen has asked me to reply to your letter to him dated 22 May 2014 on behalf of the SCS.

There are of course a number of candidates for reform in the area of administration of justice. However, most of these introduce political elements which make it difficult to fit in with the SLC's criteria for inclusion with its programme: specifically, of having a principally legal predominance.

The SCS would be supportive however of the recent recommendation by the Law Commission for England and Wales for a project to advance a principled and clear legal structure for data sharing. I appreciate that any proposal for joint working by the Law Commissions may depend on the Scottish referendum result.

I hope this is helpful, and let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Director of Operations Development