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Deputy Steve Ahier
Chair, Legal Aid Review Panel

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BY EMAIL

Dear Steve,

PROGRESS OF LEGAL AID GUIDELINES APPOINTED DAY ACT

Thank you for letter, dated 16 April 2021, concerning the progress of the legal aid guidelines Appointed Day Act.

Further to my letter of 4 February 2021 and the indicative timeline, it remains my intention that a legal aid scheme made under the Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 2019 will be implemented in time for it to be operational from 1 January 2022.

As I said in my response to Written Question 161, I am in receipt of a proposed scheme as developed by the shadow Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee and I am currently undertaking some informal consultations with key stakeholders. In addition, I have requested certain information as to the financial implications of the proposed scheme. I expect to receive feedback and this requested information in due course and subject to the outcome of the information requested, I expect to be able to lodge the Appointed Day Act by the end of May/early June.

This will allow a consultation period over the summer months, with a proposed scheme laid before the States by the end of October.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Le Fondré".

Senator John Le Fondré
Chief Minister