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Dear Gordon

Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017

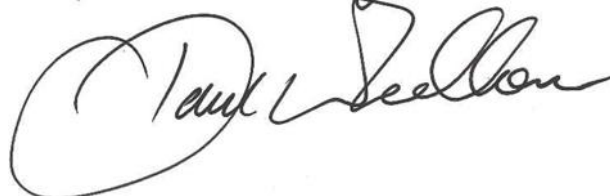
I would like to thank the Committee for its deliberations on the Bankruptcy Fees (Scotland) Regulations 2017 and for your letter of 22 March 2017 which was very helpful in summarising the remaining issues raised by Committee members.

In light of the issues raised, and my desire to ensure that we are able to best address the points raised by the Committee, I can confirm that the proposed regulations will be revoked and an appropriate revocation instrument will be laid in the Parliament today.

I particularly want to ensure that the Committee has comfort that any revised measures benefit from engagement with our key stakeholders. Therefore I propose that AiB will consult on our behalf on revised proposals, taking into account constructive points raised by the Committee in the evidence session, and your letter, before we bring forward a new set of regulations to the Committee, in due course, with a view to seeking the Committee's support.

My private office will keep in touch with the Committee's clerks regarding progress, so as to ensure you are kept informed on the likely timing for bringing back revised regulations.

I again would like to thank the Committee for its consideration of the evidence and I look forward to returning to Committee with revised proposals at a suitable opportunity.

Kindest regards


Paul Wheelhouse