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Dear Shailesh,

### **Legislative options beyond the Legal Services Act 2007**

As you know, following the Ministerial Summit in July 2014, Professor Stephen Mayson has been leading a cross-regulator collaborative process, facilitated by the LSB, to explore what options there might be for more fundamental regulatory reform if we had the opportunity of a new legislative framework. I am delighted to enclose the output of this process ahead of our meeting on 9 July.

The legal services regulators (including the LSB) have also written a joint letter to you, reporting on three other areas of collaborative working, covering areas in which the regulators collectively believe we can respond to the deregulatory challenge now.

The enclosed legislative options paper has a different status to the other three documents. The views in it do not represent the views of any individual regulator, nor the simple sum of collective views. Rather the paper articulates some of the choices ahead and the regulatory tools that are available. The paper should not be read as arguing for any particular way forward either explicitly or implicitly but as a source to inform future debate and discussion. Clearly, the issues the paper addresses will require further thinking, working up of options and full public consultation by Government before legislative proposals can be brought forward.

The development of this paper was informed by engagement with stakeholders coming from a range of perspectives on these issues. In particular, in addition to the legal services regulators, this included the representative bodies for legal practitioners, the judiciary, the Legal Services Consumer Panel, and others. Engagement with the profession included a briefing event for representative bodies organised by the LSB on 9 June.

I'm sure you'll agree that the paper contains much food for thought. I look forward to discussing its contents and how we can work together to take this important work to the next stage.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike." with a period at the end.

**Sir Michael Pitt**  
Chairman