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Subject: Scottish Government consultation on FAI legislation

The Scottish Government has today (1 July 2014) launched a public consultation on proposals to reform fatal accident inquiries legislation. You are invited to respond to the consultation, which runs for 10 weeks and closes on 9 September 2014.

The consultation paper and consultation response form are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2014/07/6772> The consultation paper is currently available to download in PDF format and will be available to view as HTML directly on the website later this week.

The consultation seeks views on policy proposals for a prospective Bill on fatal accident inquiries in Scotland. The proposals, arising from recommendations made by Lord Cullen in his 2009 Review of Fatal Accident Inquiry legislation, intend to help modernise the way in which fatal accident inquiries are handled in Scotland.

It will also seek views on:

- building on the recommendations implemented by the Crown Office to make the system more efficient;
- extending the categories of death in which it is mandatory to hold a fatal accident inquiry;
- obliging those to whom sheriffs direct recommendations at the conclusion of the inquiry to respond to the sheriff about compliance;
- permitting discretionary FAIs into deaths of Scots abroad where the body is repatriated to Scotland; and
- options for holding FAIs in alternative accommodation

The consultation paper also includes questions throughout and at Annex C to inform the Government's Equality Impact Assessment. Responses from representative groups are particularly welcome.

If you intend to respond to this consultation but are unable to meet the close date, please notify us as early as possible.

Kind regards,

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