



Justice Committee

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Minister of State for Courts and Legal Services

By email only

Thursday, 15 January 2026

Dear Sarah,

Civil Justice Council review of litigation funding

Thank you for your letter of 18 December 2025 (MoJ ref SUB130198) regarding the Government's response to the Civil Justice Council's (CJC's) review of litigation funding.

The Committee welcomes the Government's recognition of the importance of litigation funding in supporting access to justice. It also welcomes the Government's proposed legislative action to undo the effects of the *PACCAR* judgement, in line with the CJC's recommendation.

The Committee agrees with the CJC that swift legislative action is needed to remove the uncertainty created by the *PACCAR* judgement. The Committee also notes, and welcomes, the Government's intention to consider litigation funding more broadly and to introduce proportionate regulation to improve transparency and fairness for claimants, in line with paragraph 2.1 of the CJC review.

Given the significance of these proposals, and their relevance to the Committee's ongoing inquiry into access to justice, I would welcome further clarity on the Government's plans. In particular, I would be grateful if you could provide responses to the following by 29 January 2026:

- **Whether the Government intends to respond to the CJC's 58 distinct litigation funding recommendations in full (i.e. specify whether it accepts or rejects each individual recommendation and give justifications)?**
- **Whether, in line with CJC review paragraph 2.21, the Government intends to first legislate to undo the effects of *PACCAR*, then pass primary legislation to regulate litigation funding agreements separately?**



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- **Whether the Government would consider producing a draft Bill on the regulation of litigation funding to enable the Justice Committee to undertake pre-legislative scrutiny of the proposals?**

The Committee will continue to monitor developments in this area closely, given the importance of litigation funding to both access to justice and the wider legal system.

I look forward to hearing your responses on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Slaughter MP
Chair, Justice Committee