Submission from Peter Fitzpatrick for the Legal Profession and Legal Aid (Scotland) Bill

Briefly 3 main concerns-

1) The increase of the amount payable under IPS to £20,000 could put small firms out of business. In rural areas this would have a detrimental effect curtailing access to a solicitor in certain parts of the country.

2) The amount payable and the system itself could lead to vexatious claims being made against solicitors.

3) Some firms of solicitors may cease to carry out certain types of work where claims are prevalent. Again in rural areas, this could have a detrimental effect on access to a solicitor carrying out certain types of work.

I trust the Committee will consider these objections.