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Dear Mrs Mason,

I refer to Andrew Dickson's letter of 11th October 2006, with enclosures, a copy of which I forwarded to the General Purpose & Finance (GP&F) Committee of the Institute of Trade Mark Attorneys (ITMA) for consideration.

I appreciate that the due date for submitting responses was 10th January, and I have been asked to pass on the apologies of the Institute for this late response, which was caused by factors outwith their control.

I am pleased to advise that, subject to one proviso, the Institute is happy with the proposals set out in the consultation document. The only problem that they foresee arises from the proposal that, if ITMA wishes to apply for litigator's rights for its members, then the draft application has to be published in the "Edinburgh Gazette" and also in a daily newspaper that circulates in Scotland. If the advertisement is a "column inch" advertisement, then that is acceptable, but if it is anticipated that such an advertisement will be larger, say half a page, then it is likely that the costs will be exorbitant.

Can you possibly advise what kind of advertisement "in a daily newspaper" is anticipated?

Other than the above, ITMA are grateful to have been included in this consultation process, and wish to continue to be consulted going forward.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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