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Dear Emma,

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ETC (SCOTLAND) BILL – FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM**

Thank you for your letter of 11 December, in which you set out some additional information required from SCRA by the Finance Committee. My initial response is outlined below.

Impact on SCRA's workload

The main impacts on our workload will be as follows:

- Consultation with the reporter (£15k) – this will arise from local authorities applying for ASBOs, from the Sheriff before granting an ASBO, from discussions with Procurators Fiscal about the breach of an ASBO and from local authorities applying for Parenting Orders;
- Parenting Orders (£175k) – this will arise from preparation for applications by the Principal Reporter for a Parenting Order and court representation;
- Enforcement of Supervision Requirements (£35k) – this will arise from preparation for applications by the Principal Reporter for enforcement and court representation

One-off costs

The main one-off cost for SCRA will be investment in information systems. This is estimated at approximately £300k in 2004/05 for all new legislative changes including ASB and Vulnerable Witnesses.

Number of intensive support programmes

The expected number of 600-700 young people in need of intensive support programmes is based on the number of young people in the 10+ offences category as reported in SCRA's 2001-02 Annual Report. The figure in the report is 797 but this was adjusted downwards by the Scottish Executive to reflect the anticipated impact of additional youth justice resources for local authorities on the number of young people requiring this kind of support. In relation to the costs of these programmes, SCRA does not have access to the detailed information which it is assumed CoSLA will use to inform their submission.

Costs of Panel Member training

SCRA understands that the projected costs for Panel Member training prepared by the Scottish Executive were based on recent costs for Fast Track hearings training. Anti-social behaviour training will be more complex than Fast Track, although when this is combined with other planned training events economies of scale will be achieved. The Scottish Executive will hold more detailed information on costings relating to Panel Member training.

I hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification on the above.

Yours sincerely

**Ed Morrison**  
**Director of Finance**