Dear Lord Drummond Young,


As you will recall, the reference was agreed following the collapse of the World's End murder case during a time that many were questioning the effectiveness of several aspects of the Scottish justice system. Your thorough, well thought out, and impartial recommendations have provided a platform that has allowed us to examine and reform these aspects of the system.

The first two parts of the reference have, of course, already been enacted through the Criminal Justice and Licensing Scotland Act (2010) and the Double Jeopardy (Scotland) Act 2011.

My intention now is for the Scottish Government to take time and consider your final report, with a view to legislating for change at an appropriate opportunity.

My thanks once again for undertaking this work.

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