

Response on behalf of the Registers of Scotland:

“While RoS do not keep statistics on the method of execution of deeds, anecdotal evidence from the staff in the deeds registers (principally the Sasines Register and the Books of Council & Session) suggests not unsurprisingly that execution in counterpart is not that common and typically is used more for deeds involving multiple corporate bodies than for deeds granted by multiple private individuals. They have seen a range of types of documents executed in this way, including dispositions, standard securities, leases and various types of agreement.”

From: Clark J (Jill) (Justice)

Sent: 13 February 2017 11:57

To: Policy Unit

Subject: The Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery)(Scotland) Act 2015

Good morning,

We are carrying out some assessment of the impact of the Legal Writings (Counterparts and Delivery)(Scotland) Act 2015. We wondered if you were able to provide any information or statistics in relation to the number of documents registered in counterpart since the Act came into force on 1 July 2015, or indeed any general information about the use of registration for counterpart executed documents.

If you were able to advise or provide an anecdotal view by 3 March that would be very helpful. In the meantime I would be happy to discuss.

Thank you and kind regards.

Jill