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Dear Sam,


Development of authorisation to practise arrangements

Thank you for sending us your consultation on the proposed development of authorisation to practise arrangements.

We do not feel best placed to express a detailed view on the matters raised.

However, we would highlight the need to strike a correct balance between consumer safeguards and restricting entry into the market. While we accept it is important for current standard requirements to be enforced, we would like to see similar efforts exerted on thinking how entry into the barrister market could be relaxed without compromising consumer protection.

Yours sincerely



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