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Subject: RE: Letter to the Master of the Rolls from the PBA and PLA - Reply

Dear Ms Wicks QC and Mr Ditchburn

The Master of the Rolls has asked me to reply further to your letter.

The points made in your letter of 4 May 2010 have now been considered by the specialist Housing Sub-committee of the Civil Procedure Rule Committee in the context of the continuation of the stay of possession proceedings.

The sub-committee's view was that no amendment to the PD was necessary to meet those points although it did consider that two other clarifications would be helpful.

As you will have seen, the Master of the Rolls made amendments to the PD in accordance with that advice. The 121st PD Update has now been issued and provides for two further clarifying amendments affecting the existing stay under PD51Z. The Amending PD has been effective from the 10 June 2020.

You will also have seen that the Civil Procedure Rule Committee has, further to a direction from the Lord Chancellor under section 3A of the Civil Procedure Act 1997, introduced a temporary CPR r.55.29, which will take effect from 25 June 2020. On that date it will replace PD51Z. The CPRC agreed with the sub-committee's view that there was no need to provide for the points made in your letter of 4 May 2010 and so the exemptions from the stay are the same in the new rule as they are in the PD.

Best wishes

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