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Dear Ms Darrah

## **Legal Aid and Coroners' Court Bill**

I refer to your letter of 4 April 2014 regarding the above.

Having consulted with the Council's Registrar, the Council would be of the view that the proposed amendment to the above bill would be welcome as it would put in place a more structured process for dealing with medical errors which result in death. Our Registrar is of the view that it adds to the bereaved relative's pain when an acknowledgement of medical mistakes is not forthcoming and that greater transparency in the process is a positive step.

If you require any additional information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Chief Executive

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