



By Email only

Dr Helen Phillips
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Legal Services Board

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Dear Helen

BAR STANDARDS BOARD

Thank you for your letter of 29 November which I have now had a chance to share and discuss with my Board.

My Board is somewhat concerned that you think we have provided no more than *words of reassurance*. Board members feel that the executive, with the Board's approval, has provided a number of substantial submissions and evidence of actions over the course of the year, including on many of the issues you cite. Board members were also specific about the challenges and opportunities they saw when we met on 17 November. Your letter is the first substantive response we have received in response and, while expressing concerns about some more recent matters, reverts to a number of issues (the 2020 examinations and the Ryan Eve case, for example) which have been fully addressed.

Nevertheless, I have no difficulty in giving you the assurance you seek that the Bar Standards Board is fully committed to implementing change with pace and rigour. That is consistent with my Board's own determination to ensure that the BSB regulates proactively in the public interest and, in particular, delivers its core regulatory functions to high standards of quality and timeliness.

We look forward to discussing our plans with you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Stone
Chair Bar Standards Board