



BSB response to LSB Business Plan consultation

The Bar Standards Board would like to submit the following in response to the Legal Services Board's Business Plan consultation. Our responses are deliberately brief, but we would be happy to discuss any of these matters further. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Bar Standards Board

Q1 – Do you agree with our proposed workstreams for the 2022/23 business plan?

In general, yes. We note that there is a significant amount of ongoing work, in addition to new programmes that are yet to begin. We would welcome some consideration of how the work can be staggered in order to manage the impact on the frontline regulators and others. Where collaboration is proposed between the regulators, we would welcome an opportunity to engage in some joint planning at the outset, in order to be clear about what is expected and the resources that would be required from each regulator.

Q2 – Are there any areas missing from our proposed business plan 2022/23 that you believe should be included?

No.

Q3 – Do you agree with our view that 2022/23 is not the right time to undertake a statutory review of the reserved legal activities?

Yes, for the reasons given in the paper.

Q4 – Do you have any views on developments in litigation funding?

We agree that this would be a useful area for the LSB to investigate. We have limited direct evidence, but we have identified this as a possible risk area and would be happy to discuss these matters further in due course.

Q5 – Do you have any comments on our proposed market intelligence work? Is there anything missing that you think we should focus on?

We broadly agree with what you have set out. Commissioning a 'proof of concept' style study on the design and implementation of a central regulatory database should seek to build on the joint work that has already been begun by the regulators and avoid duplication of effort where possible.

Q6 – Do you agree with our proposed budget for 2022/23?

We have no comment to make on the LSB budget.

Q7 – Do you have any comments regarding equality issues which, in your view/ experience, may arise from our proposed business plan for 2022/23?

No.

Q8 – Are there any wider equality issues and interventions that you wish to make us aware of?

No.