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NORTHERN IRELAND  
**Legal Services  
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The Office of Chairman  
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## Legal Services Commission Circular 07/10

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Dear Practitioner

### Assistance by way of Representation

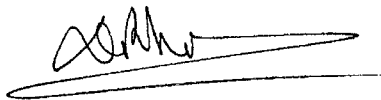
Regulation 23(2) of the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 provides that bills for payment under the Assistance by Way of Representation Scheme must be submitted within 6 months from the conclusion of the proceedings.

I would advise that the Commission currently holds a substantial number of unreported cases relating to both ABWOR and Children Order dating from 2004. Due to a combination of audit and accounting issues, the Commission proposes to withdraw all cases in which the Approvals were granted prior to April 2009. These cases will be withdrawn on 1 October 2010.

You should, therefore, notify the Commission of any *ongoing* cases in which Approvals were granted prior to April 2009. Please also ensure that any further outstanding bills for payment are submitted within the six months time limit.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



**Paul Andrews**  
Chief Executive