

ABERDEEN BAR ASSOCIATION

MEDIA STATEMENT – COP26 DUTY PLAN

Scottish criminal defence lawyers represent and support some of the most vulnerable in our society. But decades of underfunding have decimated the criminal bar leaving a profession that is now quite literally dying out. Against this background it should come as no surprise to the Scottish Government that the members of Aberdeen Bar Association, together with our colleagues throughout the country, are neither able nor inclined to turn our backs on our existing professional commitments to take part in the proposed COP26 duty scheme.

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