

**Next Steps Briefing No. 3
November 2007**

Keeping You in Touch with the Unification Programme

GH&I Revised Unification Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Court Unification date for GH&I has been postponed until 2nd June 2008. This will allow the lessons of the L&B implementation to be learned and applied, prior to the GH&I implementation.
GH&I Consultation Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The GH&I consultation exercise has now come to an end. SCS has carefully considered the responses received and a draft report on the responses received has been prepared.• The Cabinet Secretary for Justice has been briefed by SCS senior managers on the responses received.• The next step will be to prepare a Submission to the Cabinet Secretary containing SCS' recommendations in respect of GH&I during November.
Fines Enforcement Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recruitment for Fines Enforcement Officers (FEOs) has commenced in all Sherifffdoms. FEO/FEM training is currently underway.
Fines Enforcement Manager (FEM) Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 5 day programme covering enforcement skills has been completed and evaluations from the course will be collated and analysed as part of the training review.

<p>Legislation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Rules Council met on 15th October 2007 and discussed the Act of Adjournment, this was subsequently signed off. • Guidance on the procedural changes introduced by the Criminal Proceedings etc. (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 in December 2007 has been prepared and will be issued by 02 November 2007 <p>For further information on Legislation, please contact Brian McBride 0131 240 6658 or Irene Marshall on 0131 240 6654.</p>
<p>Fines Communications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders have been received from suppliers to produce a national communications campaign in respect of the changes to Fines Enforcement; a supplier will be selected in November. <p>For further information please contact Susan Brown 0131 240 6652 or Ashley Allen on 0131 240 6876.</p>
<p>COP II+ Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Acceptance Scripts are presently under development and are likely to be completed by the end of November 2007. • Unit Testing Scripts are underway.
<p style="text-align: center;">If you have any feedback or suggestions for content for future submissions contact: Susan Brown or Ashley Allen, Summary Justice Reform Team Tel: 0131 240 6652</p>	