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Section 75 Equality Screening Consultation

Dear Johann Gallagher

Thank you for sending us the above consultation document which we have now considered.

CAJ disagrees fundamentally with the premise of this document, namely that because there is intended to be an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) of the Investment Strategy (ISNI) as a whole, then there is no need for an EQIA of the Investment Framework for ISNI 2008-2018.

The mainstreaming of equality requires that equality considerations are integrated at each stage of the decision making process. Given the importance of ISNI and the potential impact on equality of opportunity across all nine grounds of Section 75 **CAJ is of the view that a full EQIA is necessary for the Investment Framework for ISNI 2008-2018.**

We would also wish to take up your offer of a meeting to discuss these issues at your earliest convenience. Given that CAJ wrote to you recently to discuss the implications of your equality survey, and in light of the clear overlap between the two topics we would suggest that both matters could be addressed at the same meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Cunningham
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