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Dear Linzie

I refer to your email of 08 December seeking the SNP's support for "Armed Forces Legal Action" (AFLA) scheme. Please note that I am replying in my capacity as a member of the Scottish Government. The issue of support from the Scottish National Party is a matter for separate consideration.

I understand that AFLA is a nationwide scheme, established within the legal profession, whereby lawyers (who sign up to the scheme) from across the United Kingdom will provide discount of one third to Armed Forces personnel who need legal assistance and that AFLA will be launched on Armed Forces Day 2014.

The rolling out of the AFLA discount scheme to law firms in Scotland is entirely consistent with the support provided to the Armed Forces community across our devolved responsibilities as set out in "Our Commitments" published by the Scottish Government in September 2012. I am also sure it will be warmly welcomed by Service personnel, their families and veterans as another illustration of the high regard in which the people of Scotland hold for those who make so many sacrifices in order that we may enjoy the freedoms and way of life that are taken for granted

The Scottish Government welcome the introduction of such a scheme and the benefits it will bring to both Service personnel, their families and is happy to give it's backing to the AFLA scheme.

If you wish to seek support from the SNP then please write to:

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Just Write
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