

# [Letter from HS2 Minister to Transport Select Committee](#)

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## [Chief Justice of Solomon Islands receives latest legal books from High Commission](#)

The texts cover issues including gender equality, rural development, land reform, green energy, legislative drafting and tourism development.

Receiving the books, Chief Justice Palmer said they are important resources for judges, magistrates, lawyers and others who may wish to do research in our High Court Library.

Chief Justice Palmer said:

While in this technologically advanced age, a lot of research can be carried out through the internet, the need and importance of books remain very much the same for not all material contained in books are available over the internet.

These texts help make it possible for our people in the Judiciary and the Legal Sector to be able to do research and will help ensure that the quality of work, whether in terms of submissions or judgements are maintained at a consistently high level.

The books were provided by the British High Commission Honiara, working with the Solomon Islands Justice Programme and the Australian government in supporting the Justice Sector across Solomon Islands.

Handing over the books, British High Commissioner to Solomon Islands and Nauru, His Excellency, Dr. Brian Jones, said legal practice across the Commonwealth is constantly evolving.

He added:

I am honoured to be able to assist the Solomon Islands Judiciary, under Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer, to keep pace with the latest legal developments across a range of vital issues relevant to Solomon Islands' development. Issues such as gender equality and rural development have complex legal elements and it is important that the legal profession have such resources available at their fingertips to consult here.

He also mentioned that a strong judicial system is at the heart of a strong, prosperous Solomon Islands and he is happy to continue the UK and Commonwealth's support towards that objective.

The books were passed onto High Court Librarian, Julia Funu Oroa, who will be responsible for cataloguing them and adding them to the High Court Library.

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## [Crime news: contingency waiver for CRM7 claims ends 6 July 2020](#)

News story

Supporting case files will be required for CRM7 non-standard fee court claims after 6 July when business as usual is restored for this work.



We are restoring the business as usual process for CRM7 non-standard fee magistrates' court claims after 6 July 2020.

This means ending the current contingency arrangements put in place for CRM7

claims because of the COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak.

### **How will this affect my work?**

After 6 July 2020 we will no longer accept CRM7 claims without the supporting case file. This is because providers will once more have the option of submitting paper CRM7 claims along with case files by post, DX or courier.

However, it should be noted that hand deliveries are not currently being accepted.

Providers will also have the option of using the CRM7 eform for the claim and then submitting the supporting case file by post, DX or courier.

### **Why is this happening now?**

We introduced the special contingency arrangements because we knew that some providers submitting claims electronically would have difficulty accessing case files.

Now that providers have more submission options, we believe the situation is right to return to our original process for CRM7 claims.

### **What about late contingency claims?**

We are unable to handle claims using the contingency process after 6 July. If you send us a CRM7 contingency claims after 6 July it will need to be resubmitted and we will contact you to that effect.

### **What if I cannot access physical files?**

You should contact the criminal finance team on 0300 200 2020 to check how we can support you. We may be able to discuss what needs to be sent electronically for us to process the claim. You should note that we cannot accept files submitted using secure file exchange without prior approval by us.

### **What about CRM18s and CRM18As?**

The contingency process for these claims will continue until further notice. You should refer to the guidance notes below for further details.

### **Further information**

[criminalfinance@justice.gov.uk](mailto:criminalfinance@justice.gov.uk) or 0300 200 2020 – for questions about this announcement.

[CRM7: non-standard fee magistrates' court claim and appeal form](#): Report crime lower work to the Legal Aid Agency.

[CRM18: escape fee case claim forms](#): Forms and guidance for claiming legal aid fees in crime escape cases, including form CRM18a for crime prison law matters.

## [eAlert: 24 June 2020 – ELM policy discussion document](#)

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## [More Kuwaitis studying in the UK than ever before: op-ed by Michael Davenport](#)

More Kuwaitis are studying in the UK than ever before. I am delighted that during the academic year just ending we welcomed over 6,000 Kuwaitis at British universities and colleges in a wide range of different disciplines. I would like to congratulate Kuwaiti graduates from UK universities for this academic year. The UK offers prestigious and high quality education, which is recognised all over the world and enables graduates to get ahead in their careers. There are long standing connections between Kuwait and the UK, and for many Kuwaiti families the UK is very much their second home. Kuwaitis are an integral part of local communities all over Britain, including in cities where they have studied, often to PhD level, and developed deep connections, both professional and personal.

The UK is a highly tolerant, multicultural society, with a rich diversity of cultures, languages, and faiths. International students contribute significantly to this enriching environment, which makes the UK such a stimulating place to study. UK higher education providers consistently do their utmost to ensure international students feel welcome on university

campuses; they are clear that everyone with the talent and potential to succeed in higher education should have the opportunity to do so, regardless of nationality or ethnicity.

The UK is a global powerhouse of science and research. With so many universities at the cutting edge of global discoveries and emerging technology, our students graduate with insights and experience that are in high demand around the world. Oxford University and Imperial college research into COVID-19 vaccines is a topical example of UK universities' remarkable capabilities in science and research. Most UK universities are intimately connected with business and industry in the UK and around the world and pursue research projects in a wide range of subjects.

UK degrees are of a high standard and enjoy international renown whether they are delivered in person or online. Their quality is guaranteed by UK quality assurance agencies. There are some fantastic and innovative examples of high-quality online learning being delivered by institutions across the UK, and the sector is already working hard to prepare learning materials for the summer and autumn terms.

International students studying at British universities will from Summer 2021 be able to benefit from two years' work experience in the UK upon graduation via the new graduate immigration route. This means that graduates from the summer of 2021 can stay and work, or look for work, in the UK at any skill level for a period of two years.

Admissions processes and modes of teaching might look slightly different this year, taking account of the challenges of COVID-19. However, the UK's world-class universities are continuing to recruit international students, who are encouraged to apply even if they are unable to travel to the UK to meet the usual timelines.

We are delighted to announce that the UK Visa Application Centre in Kuwait will re-open in Kuwait on Sunday 28 June. So, now is the time for students to familiarise themselves with UK visa requirements and talk to their chosen university about English language evidence they will need to supply for a visa application. The UK has a high visa acceptance rate for students: 98% of Tier 4 (General) student visa applications were granted to international students in the last year.

The UK is a safe place to study, and UK universities are prioritising students' safety and wellbeing. The national and global response to the spread of COVID-19 continues to develop quickly and our collective knowledge of the virus is growing. The Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) regularly publishes papers outlining the scientific advice provided to the government. Her Majesty's Government and the governments in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are adhering closely to this guidance, and our advice will change to match the level of the threat. In doing so, the UK's top priority remains the health and safety of all UK and overseas nationals in the UK, including international higher education students studying at our universities and colleges.