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**BY FAX**

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Dear Mr Bell

**FRONTLINE SCOTLAND - HMA v SHIRLEY MCKIE - DAVID ASBURY v 15  
ADVOCATE**

Many thanks for your fax of today's date enclosing a copy of the Frontline Scotland letter of 15 May and your suggested reply.

I am quite content with the terms of your suggested reply.

We have no knowledge of the contentions made in the Frontline Scotland letter. The Ash case, as you know, has been on a pending appeal for a number of years and so far no grounds of appeal have been received by this office challenging the fingerprint evidence. Should there be any change in this position, I will of course let you know.

I shall be briefing our Press Office that we have no knowledge of this information and cannot comment on a pending appeal.

Yours sincerely

F R Crowe  
Deputy Crown Agent



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