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Dear Dr Read

### REMIT FOR THE 2017/18 REVIEW OF JUDICIAL SALARIES

Thank you for the work carried out by the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) during the 2016/17 pay round and for your recommendation on judicial salaries. I look forward to working with you and the other members of the Review Body on the next annual review.

I would like to confirm the SSRB's remit in relation to the judiciary during the upcoming pay round for 2017/18. I would like the Review Body to conduct its usual annual review process and make recommendations to the government on the pay of the SSRB's judicial remit group from April 2017.

As the then Chief Secretary to the Treasury stated in his letter to you earlier this month, the government's public sector pay policy remains unchanged. There is funding for pay awards that average up to 1% a year for public sector workforces and these funds should be targeted, where possible, to support the continued delivery of public services and to address any workforce pressures such as recruitment and retention. The Review Body should take this policy into account when formulating its recommendations in relation to the judiciary.

My department will continue to work to improve the quality of data available to inform your consideration of judicial pay as part of the annual review.

I would find it helpful to meet to discuss our respective future roles on the matter of judicial remuneration in due course. If you are happy to meet, my office will be in touch to set this up.

I am copying this letter to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales and the Senior President of Tribunals.

Best Wishes,

**ELIZABETH TRUSS MP**