



**BRIEFING:  
INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL  
GROUP MEETING  
29 JULY 2020**

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# General Update

- Coronavirus support ongoing
- Limitation agreements in Scotland and Northern Ireland to end 14 August
- Online proceedings in county court:  
write to  
[onlinecivilmoneyclaims@justice.gov.uk](mailto:onlinecivilmoneyclaims@justice.gov.uk)
- Bereavement damages: debate ongoing

# **Overseas Operations (Service Personnel and Veterans) Bill**

- Introduces six year time limit on claims against the MoD relating to overseas operations
- APIIL briefing key parliamentarians across all parties
- Political interest growing
- Likely to be debated in September

# Guideline Hourly Rates

- Civil Justice Council sub-group looking at rates for first time since 2014
- APIIL working group established to consider data collection and representation
- Anonymised data being collected:  
**PLEASE ASK YOUR FIRMS TO RESPOND!**

# Consultation: Retail Prices Index



- Proposes change in how retail price index is calculated
- Align with CPIH (consumer price index including owner occupiers' housing costs)
- Higher discount rate in Scotland

# Consultation: Discount Rate in Northern Ireland

- Should the rate change from *Wells v Wells* calculation?
- Research being conducted among NI members
- Separate review about what the rate should be now: minus 1.75% proposed

# Consultation: Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme

- No change to scope – too expensive
- Dedicated scheme for victims of terrorism
- Looking at structure of tariffs and remaining ‘one roof rule’
- No change to eligibility or cap



# Severe Injury Help Hub

- Signpost to services for injured people and families
- Practical services; charities; APIIL accredited lawyers
- Launches TODAY
- **PLEASE SUPPORT!**



# Injury Prevention Week



- 17-21 August
- Key story: road safety awareness in children
- Key story: pedestrian safety around vehicles
- Stories supported by YouGov research
- Activity extended to MPs for first time
- Get involved!
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