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Senator Dorothy C Lightbourne QC
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Ministry of Justice
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Dear Attorney General,

The Judicial Committee
Of the Privy Council

Late last year, John Almeida of Messrs Charles Russell indicated that the Government of Jamaica wished to explore the idea of a visit by the Judicial Committee to conduct hearings in Jamaica on a future date.

I am writing to let you know that Lord Phillips and Lord Hope would be delighted if a formal invitation were to be extended, say, for 2011. In his letter Mr Almeida referred to the need to discuss the cost of such a visit and I have delayed writing to you until we had an idea of the cost involved in the Board's first sitting overseas this year. I hope that you will forgive my delay but I was anxious that we should have some practical experience of organising a sittings overseas before I wrote to you.

The Board is very conscious of the cost involved when it sits overseas and has sought to reduce the numbers of staff who accompany the Board.

The host country does, of course, need to provide some staff support during the visit, in particular in relation to security. I do not know what security measures would be needed in Jamaica or whether each member of the judiciary there has his own 'bodyguard'.

The Board will be accompanied by 3 members of staff when it goes to Mauritius and those three will fly out a few days before the Board starts its sittings. I estimate that the minimum cost involved in sitting in Jamaica would be:

- Return air fares (club class) for 8 (5 Judges and 3 members of staff)
- Hotel (5 star) accommodation of 8 nights for 5
- Hotel (5 star) accommodation of 10 nights for 3

Please do ask a member of your staff to telephone me if you wish to have any more information.

*Yours sincerely,
Louise di Mambro.*

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