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FRC Extension Delayed

In a speech today by Lord Bellamy, it has been announced that the Ministry of Justice has confirmed that fixed recoverable costs (FRC) will not be extended until October next year. Previously the changes were scheduled for April 2023.

It seems now to be that the intention is that FRC will cover claims valued at up to £100,000 (excepting clinical negligence claims), with the introduction of a new intermediate track.

FOIL President and member of FOIL's Costs SFT **Nicola Critchley** comments:

Although changing the timetabling of these reforms is disappointing, FOIL (which fully supports the changes) recognises the need to give practitioners and the industry the time properly to consider the rules. Nevertheless, it is to be hoped that this extended time line will not delay the government's review of the QOCS regime.

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