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Legal & Parliamentary Services  
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**Our Ref** CONVX672/IDS

**Your Ref**

Dear Sirs

PARLIAMENT HOUSE, EDINBURGH

I refer to the above. I write in connection with the Land Certificate issued to the Scottish Ministers for Title Number MID83631, being in respect of subjects at Parliament House, High Street, Edinburgh. I also note that subsequent to the Scottish Ministers' application for registration of the subjects in this title, an onward conveyance of part of the property, being the Laigh Hall, High Street, Edinburgh, was granted to the Faculty of Advocates, whose own title is now registered in the Land Register under Title Number MID86039. For information I include copies of Registers Direct title sheets for both interests.

This property has come to my attention as the Council has reason to believe that it, and not the Scottish Ministers or the Faculty of Advocates, is the rightful heritable proprietor of Parliament Hall, and also the Laigh Hall beneath it, and as such there may have been an error in the issuing of the Land Certificates in respect of these subjects.

It may be that there is some information the Council is unaware of, which would clarify this matter, but it would be helpful if the Council could discuss this with you, to get a full understanding as to how the Scottish Ministers felt they had a good title to this site, and that they were the rightful owner of Parliament Hall/Laigh Hall.

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I should be grateful if the relevant person in your conveyancing department could contact me to discuss this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name Iain Strachan.

Iain Strachan,  
Principal Solicitor