

Dear IRAL,

As the Chairman of the statutory Administrative Justice and Tribunals Council until its abolition in 2013, I thought your Review might find it helpful for me to draw attention to our final report – “**The Future Oversight of Administrative Justice**”, which can be found at:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmselect/cmjust/ajtc.pdf>

This took the form of a response to a 2013 report from the Justice Select Committee, but went further. As stated in the Summary:

“...As well as making some specific recommendations, we have tried to draw together raw materials as a legacy which will be a positive resource for both Parliamentary bodies and others seeking to improve the quality of governmental decision-making and the arrangements for those seeking justice when things appear to have gone wrong.”

The Judicial Review process was not a central focus of AJTC, which concentrated instead on cases (over 1 million each year) which citizens took to tribunals and other part of the administrative justice system. Although the report is now too dated to be submitted to you as evidence, you may find some of the information, analyses and forward thinking to be useful – not least in providing a wider context - as your Review proceeds.

Please feel free to contact me if I can assist further,

Yours faithfully,

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