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Dear Janice

LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (AMENDMENT) BILL- EVALUATION PLAN

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February in which you advise of the Committee's request for more information on an evaluation plan for the new liquor licensing laws, and also on any guidance documents in development.

Officials have advised that, at this stage it is too early to provide any detail on the evaluation plan as the Bill will undoubtedly change as it makes its way through the legislative process. As previously advised, early discussions have taken place with officials in Professional Services Unit, who are the experts in this area, on the types and availability of information which many be required to form a baseline. Similarly, the need for guidance, statutory or otherwise, will depend on what the final Act looks like.

I hope you find this helpful and I would be grateful if you would share with Committee Members.

Yours sincerely

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