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Dear Janice

DELIBERATIONS ON THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (AMENDMENT) BILL

Thank you for your letter dated 30 April in which you advise of the Committee's continued deliberations on the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill, at its meeting on 29 April.

The Department notes the Committee's agreement to the text on amendments regarding police authorisations for additional hours, underage functions, private functions and young people prohibited from bars.

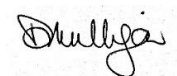
Officials are currently engaged with the Office of the Legislative Counsel on the drafting of amendments to;

- bring additional permitted hours on a Sunday into line with the rest of the week;
- provide a regulatory making power to amend the months and number of prize giving ceremonies young people can remain in sporting clubs until 11pm;
- place a duty on the Department to produce guidance;
- add a review clause;
- require registered clubs to apply to the court for alterations to club premises; and
- clarify the policy in respect of 1-day memberships in sporting clubs.

The draft amendments are well progressed and will be shared with the Committee promptly once finalised.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diane Mulligan', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Diane Mulligan

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