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From: Nick Mitford, Clerk to the Committee on Procedures
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Subject: REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MOTIONS

The Committee on Procedures is undertaking a review of the current procedures for Legislative Consent Motions and the relating Standing Order (42A).

The issues the Committee are keen to consider in its review are:

- a) review the circumstances in which use of a Legislative Consent Motion is considered appropriate;**
- b) review the processes through which Legislative Consent Motions are introduced to the Assembly;**
- c) review the mechanisms by which the Assembly specifically gives, or does not give, its consent;**
- d) review the arrangements for consultation with and consideration and reporting by committees of the proposed legislation and its outworkings;**
- e) to consider the need to introduce a Standing Order/amendments to Standing Orders to address the issues identified within the inquiry.**

Therefore, the Committee agreed to write to all statutory committees to seek views on the current procedures for Legislative Consent Motions.

I would be grateful if you could provide the views of the Committee by 20 April 2020.
Responses should be submitted electronically to
committee.procedures@niassembly.gov.uk

Submissions will be published by the Committee unless otherwise indicated.

Any queries should be directed to me at nick.mitford@niassembly.gov.uk or by telephone on 21205.

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