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Dear Arlene and Michelle,

LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MOTIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE'S LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

I refer to my letter of 16 February 2021 which reminded you of the Committee's ongoing Inquiry into the current procedures for Legislative Consent Motions (LCMs) and sought your specific input on the particular issues for the Executive relating to LCMs. On behalf of the Committee, I also sought your views on a number of issues in relation to Standing Order 42A and S.15(3) of the Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 as part of the Committee's ongoing Inquiry.

At its meeting on 24 March 2021, I provided the Committee with an update on its Inquiry following engagement with other devolved legislatures. Committee is continuing with this work and agreed to invite the Institute for Government (which has undertaken relevant and useful recent work in relation to LCMs) to address the specific issues being considered as part of the Inquiry at a future meeting.

As it is likely that any proposed change to the Standing Order would affect Executive Ministers, the Committee is particularly keen to have your input to this review and agreed that I write again to remind you of its Inquiry and to emphasise how much it would welcome your contribution.

Any queries should be directed to the Committee Clerk at emer.boyle@niassembly.gov.uk or by telephone on 02890 521678.

Yours sincerely,

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