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REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MOTIONS

Linda, a chara,

Thank you for your letter on the 5th October 2020 regarding the issue of Legislative Consent Motions.

Sinn Féin believes that legislation impacting people in the north of Ireland should, where possible, be taken through the Assembly and subjected to full democratic scrutiny and agreement.

However, while the LCM process is not our preferred way to introduce legislation we will continue to assess LCMs on a case by case basis and will only consent to this process if an LCM is absolutely and demonstrably necessary?

In terms of revised approaches to the handling of LCMs we would want to see specific proposals before we would consider any change to current processes and/or Standing Orders.

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