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**From: Emer Boyle, Clerk to the Committee on Procedures**  
**To: Keith McBride, Clerk to the Committee for Health**  
**Cc:**  
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**Subject: Committee on Procedures Ongoing Inquiry – Private Members’ Bills (PMBs)**

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You will be aware of the Committee on Procedures ongoing Inquiry on the current PMB processes within the Assembly.

At its meeting on 3 November 2021, the Committee undertook further consideration and received oral evidence from a Bill sponsor in respect of their experience of the PMB processes.

During discussions, the Committee queried whether there might be advantages and of course disadvantages if the Bill sponsor was a Member of the particular committee tasked with scrutinising the PMB.

Given that the Committee for Health is currently scrutinising a non-executive Bill when the Bill sponsor is a Member of the Committee, the Committee agreed that I should write to you to seek the views of your Committee on the pros and cons of such an occurrence.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the views of your Committee by Wednesday 24 November 2021 to allow the Committee to give further consideration at its meeting on 1 December 2021.

**Emer Boyle**