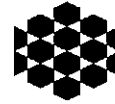


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Dear Jim

THE AUTISM BILL

Thank you for your letter of 10 December seeking comments on the above Private Members Bill which has reached the DHSSPS Committee Stage.

As the Bill will have no impact on the Department's business I have no comments to offer from a DETI perspective, but as a member of the Assembly I am supportive of the Bill and look forward to its progress through the Assembly.

Yours sincerely

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