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Dear Christine

**POLICE, CRIME, SENTENCING AND COURTS BILL – PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE  
CONSENT MOTION**

Thank you for your letter of 3 June 2021 on behalf of the Committee for Justice requesting details of any engagement that either the Department or the Home Office has had with the Northern Ireland Office (NIO) and the Department of Justice (Ireland) on the powers in the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (the Bill), to seize evidence relating to the location of human remains outside of a criminal investigation.

Departmental officials have engaged with the Home Office who have confirmed that they have not engaged with the NIO or the DoJ (Ireland). However, they are of the view that the draft provisions do not impede or undermine the work of the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims' Remains (ICLVR).

We have brought the proposed provisions to the attention of NIO and the Department of Justice (Ireland); they have not made any comment and have not raised any issues with us regarding the potential implications for the work of the ICLVR.



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Yours sincerely

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