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For the attention of the Clerk to the Justice Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to consider and comment on the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Bill. The Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner makes the following observations:

In relation to Part 2 of the Bill,

Clause 16: Support for victims of trafficking

The independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner **supports** this clause that will have the effect of extending the statutory assistance and support provided under section 18 of the Act to adult potential victims of slavery, servitude or forced or compulsory labour where there is no element of trafficking.

Clause 17: Reports on slavery and trafficking offences

The independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner **supports** this clause that removes the requirement to publish an annual strategy on offences under section 1 and 2 of the Act and replaces it with a requirement to publish such strategy at least once every 3 years.

Kind regards

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