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Dear Clarita

Re: Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Bill

Thank you for your correspondence advising the Lady Chief Justice, and the various judicial committees, of the upcoming Committee Stage considerations of the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Bill.

The policy and legislative proposals have been noted and there do not appear to be any substantive operational issues at this stage. Court Rules will need to be considered where required in due course.

The judiciary await the final legislative remedy to address these important issues with interest.

Yours sincerely,

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