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Via email: JusticeSexualOffencesandTraffickingVictimsBill@niassembly.gov.uk

Dear Clarita,

JUSTICE (SEXUAL OFFENCES AND TRAFFICKING VICTIMS) BILL

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28 July 2021 and sight of this stage of the Bill in relation to the above.

The Department for Communities has no specific comments on the clauses of the Bill.

The Department will continue to work with and support DoJ on broader issues relating to Domestic Violence and specifically on actions falling to DfC in the "Stopping Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy".

Yours sincerely

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