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Dear Mervyn

JUSTICE (SEXUAL OFFENCES AND TRAFFICKING VICTIMS) BILL

Thank you for the Justice Committee's letter dated 28th July 2021 seeking views and comments on the contents of the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Bill including four planned amendments which the Justice Minister is currently developing.

The Health Minister has indicated his support for the introduction of the Justice (Sexual Offences and Trafficking Victims) Bill in particular the proposed introduction of provisions related to child sexual exploitation; Sexual Offences Prevention Order arrangements and modern slavery amendments.

I can also advise that the Health Minister's support extends to the four additional amendments.

Yours sincerely

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