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Dear Christine

## **PROTECTION FROM STALKING BILL**

Thank you for your letter of 28 September.

We note that the Committee has agreed that the Department should bring forward an amendment to Clause 17 of the Bill, in order to implement the Examiners proposal to lay the guidance, in respect of the Chief Constables functions in relation to Stalking Protection Orders.

Upon receipt of this correspondence, we provided Office of the Legislative Counsel (OLC) with instructions for the drafting of the amendment, to progress this matter. We note that the Committee would like to see this text, preferably before the meeting on 14 October. We will certainly share a copy of the text of the amendment as soon as we receive it from OLC. However, as the Committee will appreciate, we cannot guarantee that this will be before the meeting scheduled for 14 October.

The Department has no plans to bring forward any other amendments at this stage. We look forward to discuss any emerging issues with the Committee as they arise and will be

happy to consider any recommendations for amendments that members may make in due course.

I trust that the Committee finds this helpful.

**CLAIRE McCORMICK DALO**