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**From: Stella McArdle, Clerk Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs**  
**To: Christine Darrah, Clerk Committee for Justice**  
**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Subject: Protection from Stalking Bill**

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The Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (AERA) considered your recent correspondence at its meeting 25 February 2021 and noted that the Committee for Justice has invited any views/comments on the aspects of the Bill relevant to the remit and responsibilities of the AERA Committee.

The Committee suggests that you may wish to consult with stakeholders, on what specific actions may be required to raise awareness in rural areas on protection from stalking . Furthermore, you may wish to ensure that the call for evidence is extended to rural stakeholders such as NI Rural Women's Network, Rural Action and RCN.