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Christine Darrah Clerk to the Committee for Justice Our ref: SGM 0055-2021

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Dear Christine

## PROTECTION FROM STALKING BILL

Thank you for your letter seeking my views on the content of the proposed Bill.

I have no comment regarding any specific clauses of the Bill.

One comment I would have is that, while the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum (EFM) to the Bill points to there being likely financial effects arising from the Bill, it does not quantify these. The EFM indicates that these will be considered in a separate Business Case. Any financial effects should, however, be quantified in the EFM so that the full effects of any proposed legislation are understood.

Yours sincerely

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