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Dear Carál

## **COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS**

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2021, asking for my views on the Terms of Reference for the Committee on Procedures Inquiry into Private Members' Bills.

I support the work of the Committee and its Inquiry into PMBs. PMBs are a vital function of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Whilst I do not have any comments directly related to the Terms of Reference, it is important to note that proposals for PMBs are not always subject to the same rigorous policy development and public consultation that an Executive Bill will have. Therefore proposals may not always be as well informed or tested before Introduction Stage. Further consultation and engagement should be encouraged and an appropriate evidence base developed for all PMBs.

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