

Dear Amy

I am writing to you as chairperson of the Employment Lawyers Group NI. Your committee had kindly offered us a slot to speak to the DEL committee on 6 January about the Bill following previous contacts with the committee wherein we had indicated an interest in addressing the committee on appropriate matters if the occasion arose.

While we greatly appreciate the opportunity offered, we have decided that on this occasion there would be little point in our attending as we have no comments on the bill other than to broadly welcome it insofar as it deals to our satisfaction with those issues about which we had a consensus within our broadly based group as set out in our submission of November 2013 as part of the earlier public consultation.

We remain very interested in the work of the committee and trust that we will have the opportunity to meet the committee on a suitable future occasion.

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