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Dear Gearóid,

Legal Complaints and Regulation Bill

At its meeting today the Committee gave consideration to the **attached** draft amendments which it had commissioned from the Assembly Bill Office in respect of the above Bill. The Committee agreed, in principle, that it was content with the amendments as drafted and that they should be forwarded to the Department for information.

Members also noted your letter of 18 November 2015 confirming the Department's intention to provide the Committee with a draft amendment to address the concerns around the need to capture the number of 'first tier' complaints and that this should be provided in advance of the Committee's clause-by-clause consideration next week.

Given that the Committee will need to make final decisions on the clauses of the Bill, including proposed amendments, at its meeting on 25 November 2015, I would be grateful if you could provide an urgent response, including copies of the Department's draft amendments in advance next week's meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Shane McAteer
Committee Clerk