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Your Ref: 22 September 2016

Dear Mr Frew

As Assistant Chief Constable with responsibility for Operational Support including our boat assets the Chief Constable has asked me to look again and respond to your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> September concerning provisions in the Police and Crime Bill relating to Maritime Powers.

I have noted the comments of the Justice Committee with regard to the new Maritime Enforcement Powers being extended to NI and in particular your own questions with regard to this matter. Whilst I still believe that at the present time it is unlikely that the PSNI would have occasion to use 'hot pursuit' powers into NI waters it should not be the case or our intention that by not incorporating these powers we in some way create a safe haven in NI waters from pursuit, therefore in order to ensure consistency across UK waters I believe that it would be in the national interest to extend these proposed enforcement powers to NI and that the most efficient way to do this would be by way of a legislative consent motion rather than separate Assembly legislation'

Yours sincerely

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Dear Chief Constable

**POLICING AND CRIME BILL: PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CONSENT MOTIONS**

Department of Justice officials attended the meeting of the Committee for Justice on 15 September 2016 to outline a proposed maritime enforcement powers Legislative Consent Motion in relation to the Policing and Crime Bill.

The Committee understands that the PSNI is of the view that it does not require equivalent powers to those that are proposed for England, Wales and Scotland whereby law enforcement officers from those jurisdictions will be able to exercise maritime enforcement powers in Northern Ireland waters in hot pursuit situations.

Following the briefing the Committee agreed to write to you to request further information on the reasons why the PSNI is of the view that maritime enforcement powers in relation to hot pursuit should not be extended to Northern Ireland, including whether budget constraints influenced that view.

I would appreciate a response as soon as possible to enable the Committee to consider the matter further at its meeting on Thursday 22 September 2016.

Yours sincerely

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