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Dear Kathy,

### **JUSTICE BILL: TABLING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 February 2025 regarding when the Department plans to table its proposed amendments to the Justice Bill 2024 in the Assembly's Bill Office. Officials have confirmed that previous practice has been for proposed departmental amendments to not normally be formally tabled until after the completion of Committee Stage.

It would be helpful, therefore, if we could keep in touch regarding when Committee Stage of the Bill is likely to be completed so that officials can plan for the completion of all of the necessary pre-introduction clearances, and to seek Executive approval for tabling of the amendments, ahead of Consideration Stage.

Yours sincerely,



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**Proposed Amendments to the Justice Bill**

Dear David

At its meeting on 6 February 2025, the Committee for Justice considered a paper from the Department of Justice that provided updated text for the proposed Live Links (Courts and Tribunals) amendments to the Justice Bill.

It is the Committee's understanding that it has now received the text of all of the Department's proposed amendments to the Justice Bill, and these have been included in the Committee's recently launched Call for Evidence.

The Committee agreed to ask the Department when it plans to table the proposed amendments in the Assembly's Bill Office.

A response by 28 February would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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