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Clerk to the Committee for Justice

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This is the NCA's response, following a request by the Clerk to the Committee for Justice, Northern Ireland for consultation. In addition to our liaison with the DOJ and other partners over the past eighteen months, all areas of our organisation were consulted regarding the content of the bill.

Definition of serious organised crime

NCA Response

The NCA are content that the text of the definition of Serious & Organised Crime accurately reflects the NCA's definition.

The creation of new offences for participating in and for directing an organised crime group.

NCA Response

We welcome the clause, definitions, subsequent amendments and inclusion of Organised Crime, specifically the insertion of Schedule 5 which provides the OCG amendments to the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, and Serious Crime Act 2007.

Reference Justice Bill NIJB Rehabilitation of offenders

NCA Response

We would welcome equivalence of rehabilitation guidelines across the Devolved Administrations. Law enforcement agencies have a responsibility to work with the criminal justice system to protect the public from the most serious offenders, and designating offenders as rehabilitated too soon may undermine this responsibility.

Protecting the public from serious and organised crime

