

# Response ID ANON-Z841-1VUA-M

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## Introduction

What is your name?

Name:

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What is your email address?

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If you are providing a submission on behalf of an organisation or business, please state its name.

Organisation:

N/A

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I would like my views to be anonymous and understand that my name and organisation details will be withheld but my views will still be published.

## Part 2: Children - Other

Do you have any other comments or information you would like to be considered by the Committee in relation to Part 2: Children?

Not Answered

Please provide information to support your answer here::

As mentioned in another section, actions(resulting in cautions) committed by children should not be included/ reflected in ACRO certificates. The mechanism for grounds of removal does not appear to exist/ is unclear unlike that of mainland UK. Considering the ROI include no cautions on their police certificate for immigration purposes, this is a seriously concerning issue.

## Clause 29: Automatic review of certain criminal record certificates

Do you agree that all certificates containing spent convictions or other disposals for a person under 18 years of age should automatically be considered by the Independent Reviewer?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Without question- exceptionally harsh regarding the actions of a child

Do you have any other views on Clause 29 of the Bill?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

This should also be extended to ACRO certificates/ a mechanism for this to be reviewed in-line with that of mainland UK. I think this is particularly true for cautions in relation to a child- this should be completely removed from ACRO certificates

## Amendment: AccessNI filtering of criminal record certificates

Do you have any comments on the proposed AccessNI filtering amendment to the Bill?

Not Answered

Please provide information to support your answer here::