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Introduction

What is your name?

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Organisation:

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Clause 10: Powers to sentence child to detention: amendment

Do you have any comments on Clause 10 of the Bill?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Very important to recognise this

Clause 11: Powers to sentence child to detention: removal

Do you support raising the minimum age for detention in a young offenders' centre to 18?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Yes 100%

Do you have any other comments on Clause 11?

Not Answered

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Clause 12: Youth custody and supervision orders

Do you agree with the introduction of Youth Custody and Supervision Orders?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Again very important to disgunish from adults

Do you agree with the duration of the Youth Custody and Supervision Orders as proposed in subsection 38B?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Do you have any other comments on Clause 12 of the Bill?

Not Answered

Please provide information to support your answer here::

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?

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

I have had conversations with those who have youth cautions uploaded to the PNC therefore having ACRO certificate implications. Currently, there appears to be no mechanism in place for challenging this on ACRO certificates. Filtering on ACRO certificates should apply to youth cautions- while this exists to some extent in terms of 'no live trace' filleting, this should extend to 'no trace' for minor caution committed by a child. This appears very disproportional and has real implications for those seeking to move for employment for example yet may be held back by something minor in childhood resulting in a 'no live trace' as opposed to 'no trace.' This is particularly important as this mechanism exists for those in England and other regions in the UK availing of ACRO certificates, yet this appears not to apply to the residents of N.I.

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::

This is essential in terms of proportionality

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

Not Answered

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Any other comments on the Bill?

Do you have any other comments or views on the Justice Bill?

Not Answered

Please provide any other comments or views you have on the Justice Bill here::

ACRO certificate challenge mechanism for removal- where is this addressed if even?

Amendment: Restorative justice

Do you have any comments on the proposed restorative justice amendment to the Bill?

Not Answered

Please provide information to support your answer here::

Amendment: AccessNI filtering of criminal record certificates

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

Yes

Please provide information to support your answer here::

I don't think information which does not fall under a serious crime category committed as a child ever should be included in an accessni certificate.