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From: Stella McArdle, Clerk Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

To: Christine Darrah, Clerk Committee for Justice

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Subject: Criminal Justice (Committal Reform) Bill

The Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs considered your memo at its meeting 10th December and noted that the Committee for Justice has invited any views/comments they wish to provide on any aspects of the Bill relevant to the remit and responsibilities of the AERA Committee.

With that in mind, the AERA Committee draws attention to paragraphs 44 and 45 in the Explanatory and Financial Memorandum that provides details on the Rural Needs Impact Assessment carried out by the Department of Justice. The Committee welcomes these statements and suggests that the Committee for Justice may wish, if appropriate, to check the veracity of them with witnesses.