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Dear Christine

Thank you for your letter of 8 July which was addressed to Paula Stevenson in this office. You may wish to note that Ms Stevenson has moved post.

The Chief Justice does not comment on substantive policy issues other than to identify any significant operational implications. Officials in the Department of Justice have kept this office informed as work on the Bill has progressed and there are no matters which the Chief Justice wants to raise with the Committee.

The Committee will already have the Chief Justice's letter of 9 April in respect of the Attorney General's proposed amendment to Section 14 of the Coroners Act (NI) 1959 which was originally raised in the context of the Legal Aid and Coroners Bill.

Yours sincerely

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