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TO: MATTHEW O'TOOLE MLA

Assembly Oral Question No. 6 – AQO 1394/17-22

I am writing to clarify an element of my response to your supplementary question in relation to the above oral question.

In respect of my detailed response to your follow up question on European Arrest Warrants (EAWs) and resources, I inadvertently referred to the Lugano Convention.

The Lugano Convention is a civil law process and not associated with EAWs. The Agreement provides for fast tracked, warrant based surrender arrangements similar to the agreement that Norway/ Iceland has with the European Union and operational partners are content that the arrangements are workable.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Best regards,

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