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Dear Huw,

I write in relation to the report published by the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on 17 January regarding the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill laid on 20 December 2021 and 7 January 2022.

I note your two recommendations and my response is set out below.

*Recommendation 1. The Minister should, in advance of the debate on the relevant consent motion, explain the difference between the figure stated in paragraph 3 of Memorandum No. 3 and the number of clauses subsequently listed in paragraphs 9 to 13.*

Response:

An error occurred when drafting the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No.3) (SLCM No.3). Paragraph 3 of SLCM (No.3) should have referenced 18 clauses requiring the consent of the Senedd rather than the stated 15.

The 18 clauses referred to in paragraphs 9 to 13 of SLCM (No.3) are those that were amended by amendments laid on 1 December 2021 and should be subject to a LCM.

*Recommendation 2. The Minister should, in advance of the debate on the relevant consent motion, explain why the position regarding financial implications has changed.*

Response:

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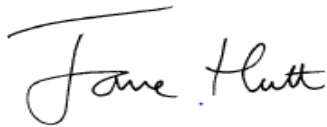
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The information regarding financial implication should have been included in all of the Memoranda laid in relation to the Bill. The omission of this information was a drafting error which was only identified prior the publication of SLCM (No.3).

I would like to apologise for the error and can confirm, as stated in both SLCM (No.3) and SLCM (No.4) there may be financial implications related to the Bill but this will not be clear until the measures in the Bill are implemented.

This letter is being copied to the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee, Jenny Rathbone MS, and all Members of the Senedd.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'H'.

**Jane Hutt AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Cyfiawnder Cymdeithasol  
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