

Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Dear Huw,

Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Victims and Prisoners Bill

Thank you for sharing a copy of your report on the above LCM with us. You will see that our report is based predominantly on information provided by the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip in response to our letter, which we received on 5 July. We had hoped to take evidence more broadly from Dame Vera Baird on this subject but unfortunately she was not in a position to contribute on this occasion. We were also unable to identify a suitable alternative in the timescales available to us.

Furthermore, we took the view that with several clauses still the subject of ongoing discussions and negotiation between the Welsh Government and Ministry of Justice it would be prudent to await the outcome of those discussions before reaching any definitive conclusions.

I hope that this information is useful. I know that our committees share a desire to improve outcomes for those involved in the criminal justice system in Wales and hope that we can continue to work together in that regard in future.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Rathbone MS

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