
The Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) on the Crime and Policing Bill

Welsh Government response to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's report

December 2025

In November 2025, the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee ("the Committee") submitted its report on the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) ("the SLCM No.2") on the Crime and Policing Bill. The report included a recommendation.

This is the Welsh Government's response to the recommendation.

Introduction

The Crime and Policing Bill ("the Bill") was introduced in the UK Parliament, the House of Commons, on 25 February 2025.

The UK Government's stated policy objectives for the Bill are to:

- Tackle the epidemic of serious violence, child sexual abuse and violence against women and girls that stains our society.
- Protect the public and our town centres from antisocial behaviour, retail crime and shop theft.
- Equip the police and others with the powers they need to combat antisocial behaviour, crime and terrorism.
- Rebuild public confidence in policing and the wider criminal justice system.

The Welsh Government is committed to delivering these important objectives and I laid an LCM on 28 March 2025 to this effect.

On 2 July 2025, I laid an SLCM (No. 2) in respect of amendments to the Bill tabled for consideration at Commons Report Stage.

It is welcome to see that the Committee agrees with the Welsh Government's assessment, as set out in the LCM, of the provisions within the Bill which require the consent of the Senedd in accordance with Standing Order 29.

I thank the members of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for their report on the Welsh Government's SLCM (No. 2) on the Crime and Policing Bill. I have set out my response to the Report's individual recommendation below.

Responses to recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that:

The Cabinet Secretary should provide further details about the Welsh Government's engagement with the UK Government in respect of the Bill during the period of its development, including when this engagement started.

Welsh Government response:

Some provisions in the current Bill were previously part of the Criminal Justice Bill, which did not complete its passage through Parliament due to the announcement and subsequent dissolution for the July 2024 General Election.

The Welsh Government has engaged with the UK Government, at both Ministerial and official levels, regarding the Bill prior to its introduction.

On 6 December 2024, I received a confidential letter from the former Policing Minister outlining the measures within the Bill that the UK Government expected to apply in Wales.

A draft of the Bill was shared in confidence on 29 January 2025, prior to the Bill being introduced on 25 February 2025.

The engagement has included regular meetings between various officials within UK Government and Welsh Government prior and during the Bill's passage.
