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Dear Huw,

On 18 January 2022 the Senedd debated and voted on the two separate legislative consent motions in respect of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (the Bill). The Senedd supported the Welsh Government's position and agreed Motion 1 whilst rejecting Motion 2.

During the debate, I made reference to the non-government amendment agreed during Lords Report stage on 17 January, to make misogyny a hate crime and said I would lay a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum in due course (SLCM).

My intentions were to lay a SLCM regarding this amendment and to hold a short debate on the amendment in the Senedd on 25 January. However the Bill received its Third Reading in the Lords on 25 January and will shortly commence final stages of consideration of amendments ('Ping Pong'). During this stage it is likely amendments agreed in the Lords will be overturned and further amendments made.

Given there are uncertain and unpredictable times ahead regarding both the UK Parliament and UK Government timetable and process of the Bill, I have taken the decision to withhold laying a SLCM regarding the misogyny amendment. Once there is certainty around the Bill, and the outcomes at the UK level are clear I will take appropriate action in response to any further amendments made.

My officials will continue to liaise with the UK Government regarding the Bill and I will keep you updated as appropriate.

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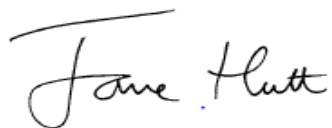
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first few letters.

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