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Dear Jane

**Crime and Policing Bill: Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3)**

At the Committee's meeting of Monday 9 March 2026, we considered the supplementary legislative consent memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) which you laid in respect of the Crime and Policing Bill on Tuesday 3 March 2026.

As you will be aware, the Business Committee has set today's date as the deadline for the Committee to report on Memorandum No. 3, ahead of tomorrow's Plenary debate on a legislative consent motion for the Bill. Given the short period of time between the laying of Memorandum No. 3 and the reporting deadline, we have been unable to undertake full and meaningful consideration of, and to report on, the memorandum, which is regrettable.

However, as a result of the consideration we were able to undertake in the time available, we noted a number of issues which we believe should be addressed by you ahead of or during tomorrow's debate. We believe that this is necessary so that Members of the Senedd are provided with clarity as to which of the provisions in the Bill require the legislative consent of the Senedd.

I have set out the questions at the Annex.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges

Chair



## Annex

1. Memorandum No. 3 specifies provision contained in amendments tabled to the Bill which, at the time of writing, are yet to be agreed by the House of Lords. While we note that the House is sitting today to consider more amendments, we are cognisant of the possibility that amendments 466 and 468 referred to in the memorandum may not be considered and agreed in time for the consent debate. If it is the case that these amendments are not agreed in time, will you postpone the consent debate or schedule a further debate so that the Senedd's consent can be sought for all relevant provision in the Bill before it is passed in the UK Parliament?
2. Memorandum No. 3 identifies amendment 335 as containing provision requiring consent. Please confirm if this should instead be a reference to amendment 334.
3. Memorandum No. 3 identifies amendments 466 and 468 as containing provision requiring consent, which concern the extent and commencement of the new clause inserted by amendment 375. In this context, please confirm your reasons for not seeking consent in respect of provision within amendment 375.

