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Message Body:

Dear First Minister

I have read with dismay that our SNP led Government proposes to abolish prison sentences of less than one year and replace them with community orders. In other words house burglars , car thieves and vandals who destroy the lives of innocent law abiding citizens will escape prison and enjoy the alternative of the laughable community service. Our nation is certainly turning into a criminals paradise. While I wholeheartedly. continue to support the SNP and Independence I enjoy the privilege of being able to write to you and my local SNP MSP and criticise this Government on its policies of law and order.

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Sent: 21 November 2017 13:11:15
To: scottish.ministers@gov.scot
Subject: Questions for Cabinet Secretary for Justice

To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] I am contacting this email address to enquire about the possibility of meeting the Justice Secretary in order to ask a few questions about the Scottish Government's proposal to ban prison sentences of 1 year. This would be highly beneficial for my advanced higher Modern Studies which is on this topic. I am flexible on dates and can give the questions in advance.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 April 2018 15:49:10
To: scottish.ministers@gov.scot
Subject: Dissertation

Hi I am studying Advanced Higher modern studies and as part of the course we do a dissertation I am doing my dissertation on how Non-custodial sentences are more effective in reducing crime than Prisons. I was wondering if you could give me more information on the change to 12 months being the shortest sentences that can be Given out and the reasons for this decision.

Thank you in advance

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 February 2019 14:52
To: Scottish Ministers <Scottish_Ministers@gov.scot>
Subject: FAO THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR JUSTICE: Short Custodial Sentences

Dear Mr Yousaf,

I am currently researching short-term prison sentences as part of my dissertation for Advanced Higher Modern Studies.

I am interested in finding out more about the stance of the SNP Scottish Government on short-term prison sentences, the presumption against the same and the community-based sentences which act as an alternative. As such, I would greatly appreciate your responses and thoughts on the questions below. I should be grateful if you would include some explanation for your responses also, as this would be helpful in understanding your position fully.

1. Do you think that the presumption against short sentences of three months or less has been a successful policy?
2. Why does the Scottish Government support a presumption of twelve months in particular?
3. Do you think that a presumption against short sentences is the most effective way of tackling crime and reducing reoffending?
4. Should the presumption against short sentences become a legal abolition, as is the case in Western Australia?
5. In your opinion, do community-based sentences present themselves as a suitable alternative to a short custodial sentence?
6. In your opinion, should rehabilitation play a greater role in custodial sentencing, particularly in short sentences?
7. In your opinion, should a custodial sentence be used only as a measure of last resort?
8. Are you concerned that, by restricting the types of sentences judges can hand down, judicial independence is being impinged?

I look forward to hearing from you soon and thank you in anticipation for taking the time to consider the above issues.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]
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From: noreply@parliament.scot <noreply@parliament.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 7:01:02 PM
To: Yousaf H (Humza), MSP
Subject: Message from Scottish Parliament website

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I was reading that prison sentences should be scrapped if less than 12 month,we have just been a victim of burglars and coming to your decision did you contact victims of these crimes to come to your decision. Have you ever been violated and all personal Id stolen?? Probably not as And can you tell me the percentage of break ins are solved. So not much a deterrent now no jail if caught I am astonished of this decision.
Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2019 21:11:41
To: scottish.ministers@gov.scot
Subject: Cabinet Secretary For Justice - Humza Yousaf

Hello Humza,

I was just reading an article in the BBC News Channel, regarding the reducing of short term offenders being held in our prisons. I would like to add my tuppence worth to this very emotive subject, if I may, as 'the more heads the better' as they say. Firstly, my suggestion refers to short term sentences ranging anywhere from 6 months to 3 years.

My suggestion

- 1) 6 month sentence equates to a local community service.
- 2) 1-3 yrs sentence equates to a similar spell in a military unit (army) with time out for family visits etc.
- 3) No shortening of sentence for good behaviour.

This is not a 'come and join the army' advert, this is a punishment with discipline exercise which is designed to show them the error of their ways. However, upon review at the end of their sentence, a review may determine their suitability to join the forces on a full time basis.

As you may have noticed, no-one is locked up or treated as a prisoner. The only prisoners are those that had longer term sentences from the courts.

This idea obviously requires the input from those that are in a position to discuss in depth what it would take to implement and make it work, but it seems a good idea in principle. (to me anyway)

Please let me know what you think.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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