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Subject: IMMEDIATE: Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Bill

Importance: High

Minister for Community Safety,

Copy list as above.

I have attached an update on progress with the forthcoming Fireworks and Pyrotechnics Bill; which includes a draft paper for Cabinet Sub Committee on Legislation for your consideration.

Annex C is attached separately and best viewed online rather than printed.

With apologies for the immediate marking, but this will enable us to send the proposed CSCL paper by close tomorrow.

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Please note that I am now working from home. I am available via email, phone or skype.

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Don't forget to check out our Unintentional Harm and Injury prevention online hub:
www.harmandinjuryhub.scot

Extract from ministerial submission:

Official Bill Management Meeting

3. [redacted – out of scope]

4. [redacted – out of scope]

5. [redacted – s36]

6. [redacted – s36]. While any delay to introduction would, of course, be subject to your views and sign off from the Minister for Parliamentary Business, for planning purposes we have set out two possible options for what could be requested, the associated rationale and implications for commencement.

- **Option A:** Request a change from introducing on 7 December to 16 December. This would provide just over one additional week for the Opinion to be received and to address any issues that arise from it, and for the drafting of provisions to be finalised. This slight delay would provide the best opportunity for the Bill to pass through Parliament in advance of summer recess next year [redacted – s29(1)(a)]
- **Option B:** Request a change from introducing on 7 December to early 2022 (a date in January to be agreed with Parliament and Legislation Unit). [redacted – s36] and for the Bill to be finalised and undergo stress checking and refinement with stakeholders. [redacted – s29(1)(a)] A slightly longer delay to introduction, therefore, is unlikely to have a significant impact in practice; and, on balance, this option will mitigate the risks described above. [redacted – s36]

7. The Bill Team continues to work rigorously towards the original introduction date of 7 December; and we will provide a briefing for the Ministerial Bill Management Meeting, that is scheduled to take place next Tuesday, by close of Thursday this week. This will set out the Bill readiness for introduction in more detail as well as other relevant information, such as the proposed concession strategy for Stage 2. **You are invited to note the two options set out in paragraph 6, provide an indication of which you would prefer, if any, and note that further advice will be provided in due course.**

Timeline of Next Steps

15. Key next steps to meet the original introduction date of 7 December are:

Task	Requested on	Response received by
CSCL approve final policy	Thursday 28 October	Tuesday 2 November
Cabinet Secretary for Finance clears Financial Memorandum	Tuesday 2 November	Friday 5 November

Lead Minister signs off Bill and accompanying documents	Tuesday 2 November	Friday 5 November
Ministerial Bill Management Meeting	Tuesday 2 November	
First Minister clears Bill pack	Friday 5 November	Wednesday 10 November
Agreement to introduce from Minister for Parliamentary Business	Wednesday 10 November	Friday 12 November
Bill to Presiding Officer for 3 week period	Monday 15 November	
Bureau referral to lead committee	Tuesday 14 December	
Lead committee call for evidence	Tuesday 21 December	

16. A critical pathway, based on the existing introduction date, has been developed to support the Bill overall and this is included at **Annex C** for your information. [redacted – out of scope]