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From: [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]  
Safer Communities Division  
13 December 2021

Minister for Community Safety

**FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNIC ARTICLES (SCOTLAND) BILL: PARLIAMENTARY HANDLING**

**Purpose**

1. To provide you with advice following the Ministerial meeting on 9 December to discuss parliamentary handling following introduction of the Fireworks and Pyrotechnics (Scotland) Bill.

**Priority**

2. **Routine.** However, a quick response will enable us to finalise the paper to the Cabinet Sub Committee on Legislation,[redacted s29(1)(a)]

**Background**

3. [redacted – s36]

4. [redacted – s36] the Bill timetable for introduction on 16 December was no longer feasible, and on 2 December you confirmed that you were content to seek the agreement of the Minister for Parliamentary Business to delay introduction of the Bill to 1 February 2022. The Minister for Parliamentary Business confirmed on 3 December, in response to your note to him, that he was content to delay introduction.

**[redacted -s29(1)(a)]**

5. On 9 December you met with the Minister for Parliamentary Business to discuss parliamentary handling of the Bill after introduction and the timetable of the parliamentary stages. Two options have been identified and the potential risks and benefits of each approach are outlined below.

Option 1: Parliamentary stages conclude prior to summer recess on a condensed timetable

6. Progressing with this option would mean the Bill follows the original timetable for the conclusion of the parliamentary stages prior to summer recess. However, this would require parliamentary scrutiny of the Bill to be significantly condensed. An outline of benefits and risks to proceeding with this option are outlined below.

*Benefits*

- [redacted – S29(1)(a)]

*Risks*

- [redacted – S29(1)(a)]

Option 2: Parliamentary stages conclude after summer recess

7. Proceeding with this approach means that parliamentary stages of the Bill would not conclude until after summer recess and no provisions would commence in advance of November 2022. An outline of the benefits and risks of proceeding with this option are outlined below.

*Benefits*

- . [redacted – S29(1)(a)]

*Risks*

- . [redacted – S29(1)(a)]

**Conclusion**

8. You are invited to:

- **Note benefits and risks associated with the two options that have been identified for parliamentary handling of the Bill; Option 1 where parliamentary stages conclude prior to summer recess and Option 2 where they conclude after.**
- **Indicate which is your preferred option and approach to take with parliamentary handling of the Bill post-introduction.**

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			Portfolio Interest	Constit Interest	General Awareness
Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans			X		
Minister for Parliamentary Business			X		
Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise			X		
Lord Advocate					X
Solicitor General					X

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