



## Minister for Community Safety

Following [redacted – section 38(1)(b)]'s submission on 14 April, and subsequent confirmation that the Stage 1 report will not be available until Thursday 28 April at the earliest, I am writing to ask if you are content to progress with the current timetable for Stage 1, and for arrangements to be made to suspend the Standing Orders on this basis. Discussions with the Committee clerk have indicated that they are working to make the report available as soon as possible following the next Committee meeting on Wednesday 27 April, and they are intending to publish this on Thursday 28 April or Friday 29 April (with an embargoed copy to be made available on 28 April if the report is published on 29 April). Progressing with this timetable will mean there will only be one, or no, sitting days between publication of the Stage 1 report and the debate on 3 May. As the Standing Orders set out that there should be 5 sitting days they will need to be suspended to enable the debate to take place on 3 May.

If you are content, officials have liaised with Private Office to develop a timeline for responding to the Stage 1 report and providing you with briefing ahead of the debate on 3 May:

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| Thursday 28 April       | Stage 1 report published (To note: timeline is working on the assumption that the report will be provided first thing on Thursday morning.)   |
| Saturday 30 April (5pm) | Draft response to Stage 1 report sent to Private Office for Ministerial Clearance by Monday 2 May   |
| Sunday 1 May (5pm)      | Briefing for Stage 1 debate sent to Private Office  |
| Monday 2 May            | Officials send Stage 1 response to Committee Clerks in the morning for circulation in advance of the Stage 1 debate (To note: arrangements for publication of the response to the report in advance of the debate are subject to confirmation from committee clerks). |

I would be grateful if you could confirm you are content:

- To proceed with the suspension of standing orders for stage 1; and
- With the proposed timeline for considering the response to the stage 1 report and briefing for the debate.

Many thanks,

[redacted – section 38(1)(b)]

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Hi [redacted – section 38(1)(b)]

Copying in Spad Jennie.

Thanks,

**[redacted – section 38(1)(b)]**

[redacted – section 38(1)(b)] to Minister for Community Safety, Ash Regan

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PS/Minister,

Mr Adam has been advised that the Criminal Justice committee will produce the Stage 1 report for the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Bill next Thursday 28 April. This does not provide the 5 sitting days required between the debate and the publication of the report. Therefore, arrangements will be made to suspend standing orders to allow the debate to continue on Tuesday 3 May. I will also follow up to check if we will receive an embargoed copy a day before.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks,

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