Consultation
Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

1. No – Angus Council did not submit a consultation response.

If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?

2. N/A

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?

3. N/A

Costs
If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.

4. For children who are known or suspected to have been trafficked, Angus Council and partners will consider the needs of the children via our GIRFEC staged intervention approach and devise and deliver a child’s plan that will consider all of the needs of the child. In this respect we do not anticipate any additional costs being incurred for children.

The Scottish Government currently allocates direct grant funding to non-government organisations to provide and facilitate immediate support and assistance to the adult victims of human trafficking. This support can include immediate safe accommodation, psychological support, assistance in accessing medical treatment, material assistance, interpretation and translation and assistance either with repatriation or securing longer-term access to mainstream services and support, such as welfare benefits and housing. We welcome the proposal that this continues. In terms of supporting adults via the local authority, we will continue to work with partners to ensure that the needs of vulnerable adults in Angus are well assessed and planned for. At this time we do not anticipate any significant additional costs being incurred that we do not already meet. However the impact of the Bill will require to be monitored so that any unanticipated costs can be identified and it would be helpful if there was a commitment to meeting such costs in the future.

As Human Trafficking is a largely hidden problem, education, training and publicity are required to ensure awareness is heightened. We welcome the commitment to provide supportive materials that can be incorporated into existing training.
Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?

5. No comment

If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?

6. Yes - see Question 4 above.

Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?

7. No comment

Wider Issues

Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?

8. No comment

Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?

9. No comment