This submission is made on behalf of the Association of Licensed Adult Entertainment Venues (ALAEV) in response to the Committee’s call for evidence in relation to the Financial Memorandum concerning Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill.

The ALAEV welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Justice Committee’s consultation on the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill. The organisation has sent a separate submission to the Justice Committee on the merits of the Bill.

Please see below our answers to the questions set by the Committee in their call for evidence.

**Consultation**

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

1. We did not take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill but did attempt to become members of the Cross Party Group on Human Trafficking in the Parliament.

2. Not applicable.

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

3. Yes, we felt that we did have sufficient time.

**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. The Bill does not have any financial implications for our organisation.

**Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?**

5. The estimated costs and savings contained in the Financial Memorandum look to be reasonably accurate but this will depend very much on the numbers of victims recovered in Scotland. This is something which has been notoriously difficult to predict in the past.
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. Not applicable.

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. The timescales given seem reasonable but the margins of uncertainty seem on the low side and we would urge the Committee to err on the side of caution and increase those amounts shown.

**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. The figures do seem on the low side and our feeling is that the costs to law enforcement and support organisations should be higher.

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. We believe that there are likely to be future costs associated with the Bill as awareness of human trafficking increases but, as previously stated it is not possible to quantify these.