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Seán Wixted
Clerk, Criminal Justice Committee,
Scottish Parliament

Via email to: Sean.Wixted@parliament.scot

12 November 2025

Dear Seán,

Please find attached two additional documents that we believe the Criminal Justice Committee might find useful when considering the evidence before it on Ash Regan's 'Unbuyable' bill.

The first is a data scientist's review of the LSE policy brief, *Criminalising the Sex Buyer: Experiences from the Nordic Region* by Niina Vuolajärvi. We thought this would be of particular interest to the committee, given that she presented oral evidence. This is also available on our website:

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/2024/02/15/bending-reality-to-match-ideology-a-critique-of-criminalising-the-sex-buyer-experiences-from-the-nordic-region/>

The second is a forensic study of the prostitution system in Switzerland, called, *WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING IN SWITZERLAND? A Case Study in Regulated Prostitution*. While the Committee is not formally tasked with investigating alternative prostitution legislative systems, it seems to us that an awareness of the practical outcomes of the various legislative approaches is crucial. We therefore hope that the committee will find this document helpful. As the author says:

"In theory, regulation of prostitution should work. Many believe, if an activity cannot be eliminated, the logical solution would be to implement strict oversight to ensure safety and dignity. Switzerland, with arguably the world's most comprehensive regulatory system, should represent the best possible version of this approach.

Yet the Swiss model reveals a fundamental paradox – despite implementing seemingly foolproof measures – police interviews, health inspections, designated supervised

facilities, extensive outreach programs – each regulatory approach has failed in practice.”

We have attached the report, but it is also available on our website.

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/2025/08/01/whats-really-happening-in-switzerland-a-case-study-in-regulated-prostitution/>

We have already provided a link to a similarly forensic study of the outcome of more than 20 years of full decriminalisation of the sex trade in New Zealand. But we are repeating it here for convenience:

<https://nordicmodelnow.org/2023/09/25/what-really-happened-in-new-zealand-after-prostitution-was-decriminalised/>

Please forward this letter and the attached documents to the convenor and the committee members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Fisher'.

Anna Fisher