



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Angela Constance MSP

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

2 October 2025

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill

The Committee considered the above Bill, introduced by Ash Regan MSP, at its meeting on 30 September 2025 and agreed to write to the Scottish Government in relation to the power contained in **Section 7(1): Regulations about assistance and support**.

The Committee considers that this is a fairly wide power to make provision about how section 6 is to operate in practice.

The Member-in-charge states in the [Delegated Powers Memorandum](#) that she considers that the Scottish Ministers are best placed to know how health and social services are delivered in practice, how persons looking to exit prostitution can best be identified and supported and also how the various bodies, on which functions may be conferred, work together.

In light of this, **the Committee asks the Scottish Government for its views on the provision, and how it envisages it would be used should the Bill pass.**

The Committee requests a response by **Friday 17 October**.

Yours sincerely

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Convener

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