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Re: Justice Provisions of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill

Dear Humza,

I understand that the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, Europe and External Affairs has informed the chamber that schedule 4, part 5 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Bill is to be removed and that the Scottish Government intends to consult on a separate, standalone bill and introduce this before 21 April.

Given the fundamental importance of this proposed legislation, to the justice system, I write to ask if any consideration has been given as to whether, if so how, to consult with the Justice Committee and/or its members?

The Committee's view is that a bill of this importance would benefit from the Justice Committee's input, especially in these difficult times.

Best wishes

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Convener, Justice Committee

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