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RE: General Scheme of the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2024

Dear Emma,

I refer to your correspondence dated 11th September 2024, containing a request on behalf of the Minister for a waiver from the requirement to undertake Pre-Legislative Scrutiny on the General Scheme of the *Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill 2024*.

This request was brought to the attention of the Committee on 12th September 2024.

In considering the request, a number of points were raised for inclusion in the Committee's reply.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach, Senator Barry Ward, brought forward a private member's bill, in March 2023, entitled *Criminal Justice (Juvenile Offenders) Bill 2023*, that addressed exactly this problem.

Also, Deputy Pringle sought reassurance that this is the only issue which will be dealt with in this piece of legislation.

In granting the waiver, the Committee requests that these points should be noted by the Minister.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Guidon

Alan Guidon
Clerk to the Committee

16th September 2024

Cuirfear fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge