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Chair, Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)

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Dear Mr Cain MLA

Peter

Response to Scrutiny Report No. 36

Thank you for Scrutiny Report No. 36 of 30 October 2023 in which the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) (the Committee) provided comments on proposed amendments to the Justice (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill) and the Government Response on the Inquiry into the Bill.

At paragraph 1.54 of Scrutiny Report No. 36, the Committee sought a further response from the Minister relating to the Committee's concern that the exceptions in the Bill unreasonably limit the right to protection of family and children in section 11 of the *Human Rights Act 2004* and on this basis, sought consideration of amending the Bill to remove or further limit the exceptions.

I note that the issues raised by the Scrutiny Committee were discussed in detail in the course of debate of the Bill on 1 November 2023, which resulted in passage of the Bill on this date.

I thank the Committee for its consideration of the Bill, the proposed amendments and the Government Response.

Yours sincerely

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