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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your joint letter of 13 October, in response to my letter of 30 September, about the Legislative Consent Memorandum laid on 3 August with regards to the UK Government's Domestic Abuse Bill ("the Bill").

The Bill's progression through the House of Lords is being delayed, with Lords Second Reading not expected to commence until December, and subsequent stages of the Parliamentary scrutiny process to follow in the New Year. Consequently, the plenary debate scheduled to take place on 10 November has been postponed.

In the meantime, my officials are actively continuing discussions with their UK Government counterparts with regards to us seeking amendments to certain provisions within the Bill. I will write to update you on any agreements reached on these matters, and addressing the substantive points in your most recent letter as the discussions progress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane', with a long horizontal stroke above it.

**Jane Hutt AS/MS**

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