

# Parliamentary Bureau - Legislative Consent Memorandum

## Crime and Policing Bill (UK legislation)

### Introduction

1. Under Rule 9B.3.5, the Parliamentary Bureau is required to refer any legislative consent memorandum (LCM) that has been lodged with the Parliament to the committee within whose remit the subject matter of the relevant provision falls.

### Crime and Policing Bill

2. This Bill was introduced in the House of Commons on 25 February 2025.
3. An LCM was lodged by Angela Constance MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs on 16 May 2025.
4. The Bill makes provision about anti-social behaviour, offensive weapons, offences against people (including sexual offences), property offences, the criminal exploitation of persons, sex offenders, stalking and public order, the powers of the police, the border force and other similar persons. It also makes provisions about confiscation; about the police; about terrorism and national security, and about international agreements relating to crime; and about the criminal liability of bodies; and for connected purposes.
5. The LCM indicates that the Scottish Government intends to lodge a motion seeking the Scottish Parliament's consent to a number of relevant provisions and to refuse consent for two provisions.

### Designation of lead committee

6. The relevant provisions in the Bill fall within the remit of the Criminal Justice Committee. The committee's remit is to consider and report on matters relating to criminal justice falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs, and functions of the Lord Advocate other than as head of the systems of criminal prosecution and investigation of deaths in Scotland. The Cabinet Secretary is responsible (amongst other things) for the justice system and criminal law procedure, police and offender services.
7. The LCM will also be considered by the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee in relation to any provisions in the Bill conferring powers on the Scottish Ministers to make subordinate legislation.

### Recommendation

8. The Bureau is invited to refer, under Rule 9B.3.5, the LCM to the Criminal Justice Committee as lead committee.

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