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Lord Davies of Gower  
House of Lords

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Dear Lord Davies,

**CRIME AND POLICING BILL: GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS FOR LORDS COMMITTEE STAGE**

I am writing to let you have details of a final tranche of Government amendments I have tabled today for Lords Committee stage.

**Stalking (new clauses “*Stalking protection orders: Northern Ireland*” and “*Guidance about disclosure of information by police: Northern Ireland*” and amendments to clauses 97, 98, 200 and 201)**

Clauses 97 and 98 enable a court in England and Wales to make a stalking protection order on the conviction or acquittal of a defendant at a criminal trial. Clause 100 confers a power on the Secretary of State to issue statutory guidance to the police in England and Wales about the disclosure of police information for the purpose of protecting persons about the risks associated with stalking. At the request of the Department of Justice, these new clauses make analogous provision for Northern Ireland. The amendments to clauses 97 and 98 clarify the England and Wales provisions in respect of appeals against the making of stalking protection orders and the appropriate court for making applications to vary, renew or discharge a stalking protection order.

**Access to driver licensing information (amendments to clause 138)**

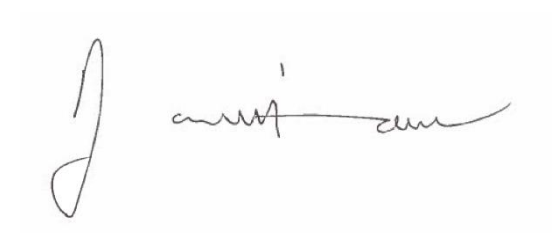
Clause 138 enables the Secretary of State to make regulations (“driver information regulations”) about access to driver licensing information (held by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency) by the police and other law enforcement agencies. This provision applies UK-wide and, insofar as it applies to Northern Ireland, relates to a mix of reserved and transferred matters, as such the legislative consent motion process is engaged. Following further discussions with the Minister of Justice in Northern Ireland, the amendment introducing new subsections (5A) and (5B) of new section 71 of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 requires the Secretary of State to secure the consent of the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland before making driver information regulations in relation to devolved Northern Ireland bodies (namely the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Belfast Harbour Commissions, Belfast International Airport Limited and the Police Ombudsman of Northern Ireland). The other amendments to clause 138 clarify the period to

be covered by the Secretary of State's first annual report under new section 71C of 2000 Act.

I attach a supplementary delegated powers memorandum.

I am copying this letter to Lord Keen of Elie, Baroness Doocey, Lord Marks of Henley-on-Thames, Baroness Ramsey of Wall Heath (Chair, Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee), Chris Philp, Matt Vickers, Max Wilkinson and Luke Taylor. I am also placing a copy of the letter and enclosures in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hanson', is written on a light blue background.

**Lord Hanson of Flint**