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## **SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee**

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Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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Dear Karen,

### **Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee scrutiny of SPCB supported bodies**

Thank you for your letter dated 5 February, in which you raised two issues relating to the scrutiny of SPCB supported bodies.

Regarding your first point, I note the issue you raise regarding how the work of committees can more effectively feed into the SPCB's decision-making process. In response, I can reassure you that this matter has been part of our Committee's considerations from the outset of the review that Parliament has requested us to undertake.

In relation to your second point, I am pleased to clarify that the themes covered during our evidence sessions to date are:

- a) Role of SPCB supported bodies;
- b) Criteria for creating new supported bodies;
- c) SPCB supported bodies model;
- d) Effective functioning; and
- e) Accountability and scrutiny mechanisms.

I hope this letter reassures and clarifies to you and your Committee that my Committee has not limited its focus to cost savings.

Yours sincerely,

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