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Dear Ms Grant

The Proposed Civil Protection Orders and Access to Justice (Scotland) Bill

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Bill. I have circulated it to members of our Joint Central Committee and what follows is a summary of their views where they were expressed.

Consultation Question One:

Members were 'uncomfortable' with the notion that one incident could constitute harassment. They felt this was at odds with other legislation, and would potentially be open to abuse.

Consultation Question Two:

Subject to the comment above, our members were generally supportive of trying to make the process easier.

Consultation Question Five & Six:

Our members expressed the views that to be truly effective, an interdict should carry a power of arrest but this was tempered by a desire to keep the 'civil' and 'criminal' issues separate.

Consultation Question Seven:

Whenever a new procedure or criminal offence is created where the police will be involved will have an associated cost. Estimating such a cost is a very inexact science but at very least an examination of cost should be carried out a short period of time after such legislation is implemented (if in fact that happens) to establish whether budgets require to be adjusted.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary

