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The Proposed Vulnerable Children LCO
Committee

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Dear Colleague

Consultation - The Proposed Vulnerable Children LCO Committee

The Proposed Vulnerable Children LCO Committee was established on 4 July 2007 to consider and report on the proposed National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No.3) Order 2007.

The Committee has agreed the scope of its scrutiny as follows:

- the general principles of the proposed Order, i.e. that legislative competence, as specified in 'Matters 15.1 - 15.8', be conferred on the Assembly; and
- whether the proposed Order provides an appropriate framework for the delivery of the policy agenda on vulnerable children and child poverty, in particular whether the terms of the proposed Order are too broadly or too narrowly defined.

The purpose of the committee's work is to scrutinise the drafting of the proposed Order and, as such, the committee will avoid engaging in detailed discussions on proposed Measures which could be brought forward as a result of the conferral of legislative competence, reviewing existing policies in this area or replicating work already undertaken by former subject committees.

Further information on the proposed Order, its Explanatory Memorandum and details of the committee, together with a Guide to the legislative process can be found at <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/buslegislation.htm>

I am writing to invite you to submit evidence to the Committee.

In particular, the Committee would like to receive evidence on the following questions:

1. Would the terms of the proposed Order allow for the implementation of the policy agenda on vulnerable children and child poverty by means of Measures? If not, how would the proposed Order need to be re-drafted and why?
2. Are the terms of the proposed Order drafted appropriately, too narrowly or too broadly. If necessary how should the proposed Order be re-drafted and why?

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3. Are the definitions of 'well-being' and 'social care' in the proposed Order appropriate? If not, how should they be re-drafted and why?
4. The proposed Order includes a table setting out certain exceptions from the scope of Matters 15.1-15.8. Are these exceptions appropriate? If not, how should they be re-drafted and why?

The Committee is very interested in the views of children and young people, and would be grateful if this could be reflected in any evidence submitted, where applicable.

If you wish to contribute to the committee's work, submissions should be sent, preferably by email or on disc, or otherwise in hard copy to:

Lewis McNaughton, Deputy Committee Clerk, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Email: legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk. (Please title the email '*Consultation Vulnerable Children LCO Committee*'.)

Submissions should arrive in the Assembly by 2 November 2007. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

When putting together your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- Your response should be as succinct as possible. Please reference your response using the title applied above;
- The National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed at Committee meetings. **If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;**
- Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual;
- Please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the autumn term.

If you are interested in being contacted as part of any future consultation in this area, please indicate this in your response.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerks, Siân Wilkins (029 2089 8224), Sarah Beasley (029 2089 8032) or Lewis McNaughton, the Deputy Clerk (029 2089 8146).



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