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Dear Jenny,

INVITATION FOR JOINT MINISTERIAL SESSION ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Thank you for your letter of 23 December inviting me to a joint-ministerial general scrutiny session on criminal justice.

I would be delighted to visit the Senedd to attend a session with the Equality and Social Justice Committee to discuss a range of Welsh justice challenges, including some of the specific matters referred to in your letter. However, I do not feel it would be appropriate for such a session to scrutinise, jointly with Welsh Government ministers, the criminal justice system in Wales.

I would like to propose instead, if you would find it helpful, that I attend a session focussed on matters within my ministerial responsibilities for prisons and probation, alongside officials from the Ministry of Justice and His Majesty's Prisons and Probation Service. I would be happy to consider a suggested agenda of the items you would like such a session to cover.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General; the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip; to the Chairs of the Senedd's Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and Health and Social Care Committee; and also to the Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee in the House of Commons.

Yours sincerely

Lord Timpson
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