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Dear David

On 18 February 2014 Jenny Marra MSP lodged a final proposal for a Member's Bill on human trafficking.

Parliament's Standing Orders (Rule 9.14.13) provides a mechanism whereby the Scottish Government can indicate that it will initiate legislation, within the same parliamentary session, to give effect to a Member's final proposal.

I hereby indicate that the Scottish Government will introduce a Bill, within the current session of the Parliament, which will include provisions to:

- (a) require the creation of a Scottish anti-human trafficking strategy;
- (b) provide for the special treatment of human trafficking-related crime within the criminal justice system; and
- (c) provide for the support of survivors of human trafficking.

Accordingly, the Bill will give effect to Ms Marra's final proposals for a Human Trafficking (Scotland) Bill.

I am writing separately to Ms Marra to advise her of the Government's decision, enclosing a copy of this letter for information. This letter is also copied to Andrew Mylne in the Non-Government Bills Unit.

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