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Dear Colleagues,

**Bill in relation to ending violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence**

In the First Minister's statement on the Government's Legislative Programme on 16 July 2013, he indicated his intention to introduce a Bill in relation to ending violence against women and domestic abuse ('the Bill') in June 2014.

Subject to the introduction of the Bill as planned, and the subsequent referral of the Bill by the Business Committee to the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee ('the Committee') for Stage 1 consideration, we will issue a call for evidence on the general principles of the Bill. I am taking this opportunity to give you advance notice of our intentions because it is likely that we will need to complete much of our evidence gathering to inform our work before the end of the summer term.

You may wish to be aware that the Committee intends to hear oral evidence from the Minister for Local Government and Government Business on the Bill before the summer recess. Details of this evidence session, as well as the transcript, will be published on the Committee's website.

Further information on how a Bill proceeds through the Assembly can be accessed here: <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-guidance.htm>

I hope you find this advance notice helpful. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Clerk to the Committee:

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The Committee would be grateful if you could forward a copy of this letter to any individuals or organisations that might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter will be placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

**Christine Chapman AC / AM**

**Cadeirydd / Chair**