

Coleiro Anna at Parliament-MT

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To: Coleiro Anna at Parliament-MT
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Subject: Age of Sexual Consent

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Dear Anna,

I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU CIRCULATE THIS EMAIL WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE THREE COMMITTEES.

May also please inform all secretaries.

Godfrey

Colleagues,

It is my intention to insert this introduction to the concluding remarks of the Conjoint Committee's report on Age of Sexual Consent. I am open to suggestions.

Lowering of The Age of Sexual Consent :

- (1) is in the interest of the public (it is a society problem)
- (2) empowers and supports youth through education.(youths have a right to an informed opinion and a liberal expression of their opinion)

Our recommendation is directed towards behavioral sciences (changing society trends) and this should secondarily lead to legal amendments both in the Criminal (decriminalization) and Civil Code so that these are clear and consistent (no more blanket statements).

I further suggest that the clause on banding will be one that suggests ' that Banding needs further in depth analysis ' thus eliminating premature differences of opinion between us.

Thank you
Godfrey