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I am less concerned about custodial sentences for children than the long & protracted court process. Prosecuting more children will only exacerbate the now lengthy delays. By way of background... my former son in law was arrested and charged with child exploitation offences including filming children in shopping centres, filming his step daughters in the bathroom, and offences concerning my 8 year old granddaughter.... This perpetrator is in his 50's. Due to the long court process, we are advised by police that it could take years to get to trial. In the meantime he's on bail, working where he comes into contact with the general public including children and free to wander shopping centres. What does the Government have planned to expedite criminal matters for adults where the victims are children? How will the Government increase the capacity of the courts so families like ours are not in fear and limbo while we wait for justice.