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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your email and invitation to provide a submission on the *Monitoring of Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2022*.

The Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) acknowledges the objectives of the *Monitoring Places of Detention (Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture) Bill 2022* and is in support of the Bill's objectives to provide a consistent framework enabling the Subcommittee's access to places of detention and information to assist the Subcommittee fulfil its mandate under OPCAT.

Noting the OHO's role and function is centred on protecting the health and safety of the public, the OHO is keen to ensure the Subcommittee will be empowered to raise concerns and disclose information to this regulator should they make observations or receive information which poses a risk to the health and safety of persons in detention.

Regards

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