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The Committee reports to the Parliament as follows—

1. The Committee initially considered the legislative consent memorandum (LCM) for the Children and Families Bill (“the Bill”) at its meeting on 16 April 2013.
2. The Bill was introduced in the House of Commons on 4 February 2013 and is available via this [link](#). The LCM was lodged on 26 February 2013 by Aileen Campbell, Minister for Children and Young People, under Rule 9.B.3.1(a) of the Parliament’s standing orders.
3. The LCM makes clear that the Bill would alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers, in relation to the relevant provisions in the Bill which amend the Adoption and Children Act 2002.
4. On 16 April the Committee requested clarification from the Scottish Government on the implications for cross-border adoptions that may need to take place in the Bill, given the different policy, process and procedures that Scotland has compared to the rest of the UK. The Scottish Government’s response and the LCM were reconsidered by the Committee on 7 May 2013.
5. The Committee agreed that it was content with the terms of the LCM.

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