

## **DISASTER ACTION**

Disaster Action is pleased to have had the opportunity to comment on proposed measures for inclusion in a Bill.

The only point we would wish to make at this stage, based on our member's experience, is to suggest that if a decision is taken to include the seizure of assets, then consideration should be given to ring-fencing at least part of what is recovered for services dedicated to the needs of those who have survived or been bereaved in a terrorist incident. Although the parameters of the activity are slightly different in this regard, we would cite the example of the Office for Victims of Crime in the United States, see [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/factsheets/what\\_is\\_ovc/fs\\_000307.html#1](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/factsheets/what_is_ovc/fs_000307.html#1) for details of how this office is funded and how the funds are allocated to victim services including terrorist incidents. Those of our members affected by the Lockerbie bombing have direct experience of the work of the OVC and would be pleased to share this experience if this would be thought to be helpful.

We apologise for the delay in responding to the consultation and hope that the above may still be taken into consideration.

Louise, many thanks for your helpful conversations on this consultation. Please get in touch if we can be of further assistance.

Best wishes.

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