



Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
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Dear Scottish Parliament Equal Opportunities Committee,

Religion in Scots Law Report

I enclose here a copy of the Religion in Scots Law report.

This landmark report was commissioned by us in 2014, and published in February 2016. The report finds a weakening of the position of religion in Scots law in all areas, except education, where it has been significantly strengthened in recent years.

The academic team who carried out the research were led by Professor Callum Brown, University of Glasgow, along with Professor Jane Mair, also of the University of Glasgow and Dr Tom Green, now at the University of Dundee.

We hope this report is of interest to you, and that it will help advance the academic, political and social debates around the role of religion and belief in public life.

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Thank you,

Gary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary McLelland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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