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Dear Christina McKelvie,

### **REVIEW OF THE GENDER RECOGNITION ACT 2004**

On 20 June 2019 Shirley-Anne Sommerville, Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People, made a [statement](#) in the Scottish Parliament announcing that the Scottish Government would publish a draft Gender Recognition (Scotland) Bill later in 2019 and that the Bill would only be introduced to Parliament when there had been full consultation on the precise details.

The Committee considered its work programme on 26 September 2019 and agreed to write to the Scottish Government seeking clarification on the timescale for its consultation on the Gender Recognition Act 2004.

The Committee would find it helpful for work planning purposes to have a response by **4 November**.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerks of the Committee on 0131 348 5217 or by email at [equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot](mailto:equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot).

Yours sincerely,

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