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Dear Ms O'Donnell,

Review of National Outcomes and Indicators in Scotland's National Performance Framework

Thank you for responding¹ to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's (EHRiC) request² for information on how your budgeting process takes account of equalities and human rights. This followed the publication of our report on the Scottish Government 2018/19 budget.³ We note with interest your comments on giving increased visibility to equalities issues in your budget process, as well as the use of your Equality Evidence matrix in carrying out EQIAs.

As you will be aware, the Scottish Government has proposed a new set of 11 National Outcomes as part of its review of the National Performance Framework (NPF). This is a reduction from the current 16 National Outcomes in the NPF.

Under section 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Scottish Government is required to consult the Scottish Parliament on the proposed revisions to the National Outcomes. The Parliament has 40 days to consider the draft Outcomes and provide its views to the Government. The Government has now laid its draft National Outcomes before the Parliament.

¹ Response from Glasgow City Council:
http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Equal_Opps/Inquiries/Response_from_Glasgow_City_Council_20180301.pdf

² Letter from EHRiC to Glasgow City Council:
http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Equal_Opps/Inquiries/Letter_from_EHRiC_to_Glasgow_City_Council_20180215.pdf

³ EHRiC 7th Report, 2017 (Session 5): Looking ahead to the Scottish Government's Draft Budget 2018-19 Making more of equalities and human rights levers:
http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Equal_Opps/Reports/EHRiCS052017R7Rev.pdf

The draft Outcomes are supported by a revised set of National Indicators. Links to the documents containing the proposed National Outcomes and Indicators are included in the annex to this letter.

The Scottish Government has also committed to implementing the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by incorporating them into the revised NPF.

Request for views

The Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee (LGC Committee) is the lead committee for consideration of the National Outcomes. On 3 April the LGC Committee wrote⁴ to other parliamentary committee seeking their views on the draft National Outcomes relevant to their remit.

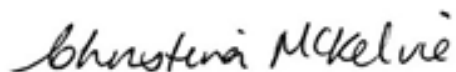
Given your response on your budgeting process, the EHRiC Committee would welcome your views on the draft National Outcomes and Indicators. This will help inform our response to the LGC Committee on the review of the NPF.

The annex to this letter contains information on the National Outcomes and Indicators and seeks your views in a number of areas.

Owing to the short statutory deadline for parliamentary scrutiny of the NPF, we are seeking a response by **Monday 23 April 2018**.

If you have any further questions please contact the Clerk to the Committee at equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot or ring 0131 348 5223.

Yours sincerely,



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⁴ Letter from the Local Government and Communities Committee on the revised NPF:
http://www.parliament.scot/S5_Local_Gov/National_Outcomes_-_Letter_to_Conveners.pdf

ANNEX

Current National Outcomes

Under the NPF, several of the [current National Outcomes](#) have relevance to issues of equalities and human rights, for example-

- [We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society](#)
- [We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others](#)
- [We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity](#)

Proposed National Outcomes

Two of the 11 proposed National Outcomes in the revised NPF would seem to have particular relevance to achieving equality and delivering on human rights, namely-

- We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination;
- We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally.

The [Outcomes consultation document](#) and [spreadsheet of Indicators](#) contains more detail on these, as well as the consultation process the Scottish Government has undertaken in developing them.

Your views

We would welcome your views on the following-

- Are the proposed change to the National Outcomes and Indicators appropriate?
- Has the Government's consultation exercise on the revised NPF been sufficient?
- Are the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) incorporated into the NPF in such a way as to ensure that they will be fully implemented?
- Will the proposed revisions to the NPF ensure policy coherence between the different National Outcomes, National Indicators and SDGs?
- To what extent does your Council uses the National Outcomes to measure your performance? and
- Any other views you may have on the NPF, and the new Outcomes and Indicators?