



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Education, Children and Young People Committee

Jenny Gilruth MSP
Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

13 November 2025

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Qualifications Scotland (Appointment of Initial Members) Regulations 2025

At its meeting on 5 November 2025, the Committee considered the above negative instrument.

While the Committee agreed to make no comments in relation to the instrument, it agreed to write to you to ask about the training and support provided to Qualifications Scotland Board members as well as the gender balance of the Board.

During the meeting, Members noted that there was a “high expectation” that Qualifications Scotland be seen to be a different organisation to the Scottish Qualifications Authority. The Committee asks what training and support Board members, both new and those transferring from the SQA Board, have received to help embed a different culture in the new body.

While noting that an equality impact assessment has been carried out, this instrument appoints five male and two female Board members. The Committee asks whether the Scottish Government intends that future Board appointments will consider the gender balance of the Board.

The Committee would appreciate a response to these questions by **Wednesday 10 December 2025**.

Yours sincerely

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