



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

The Rt Hon Kemi Badenoch MP,
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Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice
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Dear Minister,

UK Government decision to make a Section 35 Order in relation to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill.

Following the UK Government's decision to make a Section 35 Order in relation to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill, the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee has agreed to invite you to give evidence in order to provide further clarity on this decision. The Committee had previously extended this invitation to the Secretary of State for Scotland, but he has said publicly that you are the responsible Minister.

The evidence session – which can be conducted virtually if needed – will be held at 9:30am on Tuesday 24 January. As such, I would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance by no later than 12pm on Friday 20 January. Once we have received confirmation of your attendance, the Committee Clerks will liaise with your office to provide further details about the session.

The Committee also agreed to invite the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, Shona Robison MSP, to give evidence on this matter. This session will take place immediately after your evidence session with the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Joe FitzPatrick
Convener
Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee