



The Scottish Parliament
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Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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Minister for Victims and Community Safety
Scottish Government

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Dear Kaukab and Siobhian,

Non-implementation of legislation

Thank you to you both for the evidence you provided to the Committee on its session on the non-implementation of legislation.

The Committee appreciates the updates you provided.

The Committee would welcome quarterly updates on progress in laying Regulations to give effect to provisions in the Children (Scotland) Act and legislative changes required to implement provisions in the Domestic Abuse (Protection) (Scotland) Act 2021 and the Female Genital Mutilation (Protection and Guidance) (Scotland) Act 2020. The Committee would welcome an initial quarterly update by the end of September.

Progress has clearly not been satisfactory to date. To expedite implementation it is critical that funding to do so is prioritised. To date it would appear that funding has not been forthcoming and the Committee would welcome an assurance that funding will be prioritised to ensure that swift progress can be made in the implementation of these three pieces of legislation.

I look forward to hearing from you both and to receiving ongoing updates during the remainder of the session.

Yours sincerely

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Convener

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