



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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Minister for Parliamentary Business
Scottish Government

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Dear Minister,

Scottish Government Legislative Programme

The Committee considered its work programme at its meeting on Tuesday 4 February.

As part of that discussion it agreed to write to the Scottish Government to seek clarity on its legislative intentions for the remainder of the parliamentary session. This will assist the Committee in its planning of future work.

The Committee notes, in particular, the commitment within the Programme for Government to introduce a Misogyny bill within this parliamentary year, and is mindful that this is an issue on which the Committee's remit will be engaged. We would be grateful therefore if you can confirm whether it remains the Government's intention to introduce a Misogyny bill within this parliamentary year and, if so, what the anticipated timescale for introduction might be.

The Committee would also welcome an update on progress on bringing forward legislation to end conversion practices. The Committee published a report on this matter in January 2022, following which the Scottish Government committed to bring forward legislation, as far as practicable within devolved powers, by the end of 2023.

The Committee understands that this has not happened in part due to the Scottish Government waiting to see what the UK Government is going to do on this issue.

As such we would be grateful for an update on the Scottish Government's intention insofar as conversion practices are concerned and what, if any, communications have taken place with the UK Government.

I would be grateful for a response on these matters by Friday 28 February.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Adam MSP
Convener

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