Dear Christina

Inquiry into Human Rights and the Scottish Parliament

Thank you for your letter to the Public Audit and Post-legislative Scrutiny Committee seeking views on how we interact with human rights issues.

The public audit aspect of our remit is primarily driven by the work of Audit Scotland and provides limited opportunity to enable us to use human rights as a way of scrutiny. However, as you will be aware, post-legislative scrutiny was added to our remit earlier in this session of Parliament and we are currently working on developing our work programme in this area. I believe we can ensure that human rights are taken into consideration while carrying out post-legislative scrutiny work.

The provision of guidance on how human rights can be used to support the work of Committees would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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