Correspondence chain between the Scottish Parliament’s Equalities and Human Rights Committee [EHRiC] clerks and the Office of the UK Minister for Immigration, The Home Office, requesting oral and written evidence from the UK Minister for Immigration Robert Goodwill MP, as part of EHRiC’s inquiry on Destitution, Asylum and Insecure Immigration Status in Scotland (between 22 February and 15 March 2017)

From: Equalities - Human Rights Committee  
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:16 PM  
To: 'Ministerforimmigration@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk' 
Cc: Wixted S (Seán)  
Subject: Scottish Parliament's Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Dear Debra Morrison, Principal Private Secretary,

The Equalities and Human Rights Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry into Destitution and Asylum in Scotland. The Committee is at the stage of identifying relevant dates and witnesses and it would be helpful to know whether Robert Goodwill MP, Minister for State for Immigration, would be available to come to the Scottish Parliament to give evidence to the Committee on Thursday 30 March at approximately 9.30 – 10.30 am.

On that date we would also be potentially hearing from the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities, Angela Constance MSP, although it would be a later time-slot.

I would be in a position to confirm the Committee's decision on witnesses by the end of this week.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

Kind regards,

Claire

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Clerk  
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From: Equalities - Human Rights Committee  
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:44 PM
Dear Debra,

Further to my e-mail [of 22 February], I can confirm the Committee met today and formally agreed to invite the Minister for State for Immigration.

I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this invitation.

A response by 3 March would be very much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Claire

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From: Equalities - Human Rights Committee [mailto:equalities.humanrights@parliament.scot]
Sent: 08 March 2017 15:09
To: MinisterforImmigration
Cc: McKelvie C (Christina), MSP; DL Committee Office - Equalities and Human Rights; Wilson DW (David); Connelly R (Ruth); Suttie B (Brian)
Subject: Invitation from the Scottish Parliament’s Equalities and Human Rights Committee
Importance: High

Dear Minister Goodwill

**Destitution, Asylum and Insecure Immigration Status in Scotland**

Please find attached an invitation letter from the Convener of the Scottish Parliament’s Equalities and Human Rights Committee (EHRiC), Christina McKelvie MSP, inviting you to provide oral evidence to the Committee on Thursday 30 March 2017 as part of its ongoing inquiry into **Destitution, Asylum and Insecure Immigration Status in Scotland**.

The Committee seeks your participation in its meeting in Edinburgh on 30 March. However, should it prove unfeasible for you to attend in person, the Committee would welcome your participation, via video conference link, on the morning.
A hard copy of this letter has been posted to your office today. The Committee would welcome a response from your office by 17 March 2017.

This letter will be published on the Committee’s website and social media platforms later this afternoon.

If your office has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

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From: Laidouci Adam [mailto:Adam.Laidouci@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: 15 March 2017 08:02
To: Equalities - Human Rights Committee
Subject: Invitation from the Scottish Parliament's Equalities and Human Rights Committee

Good morning,
Unfortunately the Minister will have to decline to appear before the Committee due to departmental commitments, however the Home Office will provide written evidence to contribute to this inquiry.

Best,

Adam

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Thanks Adam for phoning me back.

I’m sorry to hear the Minister will not revisit the question of giving oral evidence at a later date, 20 April. It would be helpful to have the Home Office’s written evidence by Thursday 6 April.

Please let me know if there are to be any delays in providing this information.

Kind regards,

Claire

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Clerk
Equalities and Human Rights Committee