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Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee call for views

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Introduction

The Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee has been designated as the lead Committee scrutinising the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill. This call for evidence seeks views on the proposals in the Bill.

Background

The Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill was introduced in the Scottish Parliament on 2 October 2018. The primary purpose of the Bill is to make answering census questions about aspects of gender identity, and about sexual orientation, voluntary. The Bill also adds references to “gender identity” and to “sexual orientation” to the schedule of matters which may be required to be given in a census. Full details of the Bill can be accessed at:

www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/109595.aspx

Remit for the Call for Evidence

The Committee seeks views on the proposals contained in the Census (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill including the proposed power in the Bill to provide for questions dealing with “gender identity” and “sexual orientation” to be included in the Census for the first time.

Next steps

The Committee will begin to take evidence at Stage One of the Bill towards the end of 2018.

How to submit your views

The call for written views will close on **Friday 23 November 2018**.

Before making a submission, please read our [privacy notice](#) about submitting your views to a Committee. This tells you about how we process your personal data.

Please use the template provided ([see webpage](#)) to format your submission. This includes the Data Protection Form. Fill this out and return it with your submission.

We welcome written views in English, Gaelic, Scots or any other language. Due to the time required to process and analyse evidence, late submissions will only be accepted with the agreement of the Committee.

Written responses should be sent **electronically, in the template format (as above)** to the following address. Ideally they should be no more than four sides of A4.

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If you cannot submit electronically you may send in a hard copy written submission. If you are sending in a hard copy submission please print off and include a copy of the Data Protection Form. Please send them to:

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