



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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Dear All

Report of the Scottish Parliament's Gender Sensitive Audit

Thank you for your letter of 9 December 2024, in which you set out For Women Scotland's concerns about evidence given to the Committee at its meeting on 19 November.

Specifically, we note your concerns about the evidence given by the SNP and Green Party representatives in relation to their operation of all-women shortlists in the context of recent rulings by the Court of Session Inner House.

While we welcome your reflections on this evidence, it should be noted that political parties are not accountable to the Parliament and as such we would suggest that you pursue any concerns directly with those parties.

You also note the Scottish Labour Party's commitment to provide further information. We have yet to receive this, however, we will follow this up and alert you to the publication of anything we receive.

Yours sincerely

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