



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

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SPCB Supported Bodies Landscape Review Committee

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Dear Ben

Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee scrutiny of SPCB supported bodies

The Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee has within its remit scrutiny of the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC). The Committee took evidence from the SHRC at its meeting on 14 January. Following that meeting, the Committee agreed to write to you raising two issues that we believe you should take into account as part of your inquiry.

Firstly, we are concerned about the lack of connection between the scrutiny that we undertake and the decisions that the SPCB make about the funding of these bodies. We believe that it is appropriate for the relevant subject committees to undertake scrutiny of the bodies. Moreover, we recognise that scrutiny could be more effective. We would encourage you, however, to give careful consideration as to how the work of committees can more effectively feed into the SPCB's decision-making process to improve the efficacy of that.

Secondly, the Committee would encourage you in your considerations not to limit your focus to cost savings, but also to consider whether on some occasions bodies would benefit from more resources and more powers.

I hope these are helpful reflections and I would be very happy to discuss them with you further.

Yours sincerely

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