



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee

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Dear Amina

National Library of Scotland

The Committee notes the recent media coverage of the National Library of Scotland's handling of a book titled *Women Who Wouldn't Wheesht*. We recognise that coverage has included perspectives both agreeing and disagreeing with the decisions made by the NLS.

We recognise that it is not appropriate for the Committee to get involved in operational matters. However in relation to the wider issues, we would like to understand how you approach the task of reaching decisions in the context of different perspectives.

Yours sincerely

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Convener