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Dear Roddy

Re. Actions to tackle sexism and misogyny

Thank you for your recent letter on the above subject which the Committee has discussed and noted.

We welcome your offer to keep the Committee updated on the actions you are taking. We remain of the view that there is no place for sexist and/or misogynistic conduct by members of the profession.

The Committee noted that you have commissioned an independent review into the culture of and diversity at the bar.

Whilst the conduct of the review is a matter for the Faculty, we would want to be reassured that it will seek the perspectives of a wide range of organisations who engage with the Faculty, including those bodies that provide support services to women and girls who are victims of sex offences.

In addition, we consider that a transparent approach would be for the outcome of the review to be published, and we ask that you give this due consideration.

Best wishes,

Audrey Nicoll MSP
Convener, Criminal Justice Committee