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Dear Christina,

Via email only

Ending Conversion Practices

Thank you for your letters of 23 September and 4 October respectively providing updates on proposed policy development and the report of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) on Ending Conversion Practices as the Scottish Government works to bring forward a Bill to end such practices.

The Committee was grateful to have an informal meeting with the Bill Team Leader at its meeting on Tuesday 8 November and hopes to hear oral evidence from representatives of the EAG, to speak to the Group's report and recommendations, before the winter recess.

Whilst conscious of the need to ensure the Committee's scrutiny of the proposed Bill (should it be designated lead committee) is not compromised, we consider that these meetings will provide an informative starting point for future potential joint working.

Yours sincerely,

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