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Dear Convener,

I am writing to provide a further update to the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on the Scottish Government's public consultation on ending conversion practices in Scotland.

I am happy to announce that the consultation has launched today, 9 January 2024, and will run for 12 weeks, until 2 April 2024. You can access the full consultation document here: [Ending Conversion Practices in Scotland: consultation - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/ending-conversion-practices-consultation).

In developing our proposals we have carefully considered a wide range of evidence, expert advice and testimony from those with lived experience of conversion practices. This includes the report of the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee and the evidence received during that process, as well as the report and recommendations of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) set up by the Scottish Government. We will continue to work closely with the EAG throughout the Bill process to ensure their expertise and experience is reflected in future legislation.

As mentioned in my last letter, to ensure there is sufficient support available for victims and survivors of conversion practices during the consultation process, we have provided funding to support the delivery of a helpline service in Scotland. The details of this helpline service can be found [here](#), and we welcome the support of all Members in sharing the details.

I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have in relation to our proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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