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Dear Karen

Thank you for the Stage 1 Report from the Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee on the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill.

I am pleased to note that the report sets out that the Committee is content to recommend that Parliament agrees the general principles of the Bill.

The report does not set out any recommendation that is directed at the Scottish Government or that deals with any matter within the general responsibilities of the Scottish Government.

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