



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee

Kaukab Stewart MSP  
Minister for Equalities  
Scottish Government

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Dear Minister

### Human Rights bill

As we approach the end of this parliamentary session, we want to reflect our sincere disappointment that we have not seen the introduction of a Human Rights bill during the session.

While we have known for some time that we would not see the bill introduced this session, we wanted to stress at this juncture how important it is that this legislation is introduced early in the next session and there is no further delay.

We appreciate that this will be a matter for a future administration, but we would nonetheless welcome reassurance that work is progressing on preparing the bill to enable a future administration to introduce the Bill as soon as possible next session.

It should also be noted that this is only one of a number of bills that we expected to see this session in the Committee that did not appear. Bills on learning disabilities, autism and neurodivergence, misogyny and conversion therapy also all failed to materialise. This is again a matter of considerable concern to the Bill. As with the human rights bill, it would be very helpful if you could provide the Committee with reassurance that work on these bills is being progressed to enable a future administration to legislate in these very important areas as soon as possible.

I would be very grateful of a response by **20 January 2026**.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

**Karen Adam MSP**  
Convener