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From the Chair

Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP
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Dear Liz,

Reform of the Gender Recognition Act

Thank you for your correspondence of the 22 September outlining the Government's next steps following the consultation on the Gender Recognition Act (2004).

After reviewing these proposals and the response to the 2018 consultation, the Women and Equalities Committee have decided to examine the proposals, and wider issues surrounding transgender equality, in more detail. We will be seeking the views of stakeholders and the public and will announce a Terms of Reference for this work in due course.

We would also like to seek further clarity on some of the points outlined in your letter and Written Ministerial Statement:

- You said that the process would be moved online, and the fee would be reduced. What timeframe is the Government Equalities Office working towards?
- You said that you will reduce the fee from £140 to a "nominal amount". Can you clarify what that amount will be?
- You said the process would be made "kinder and more straightforward". What exact changes will you make to the process to make it less bureaucratic?
- Can you confirm whether or not the three new gender clinics that you plan to open in the next three months refer to the pilot services already operating or if there will be new investment into three additional clinics?

We would be grateful if you could respond by 16 October. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP
Chair, Women and Equalities Committee