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From the Chair

Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP
Leader of the House of Commons

By email

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Dear Jacob,

Gender Sensitive Parliament (House of Commons) inquiry

The Women and Equalities Committee is currently taking oral evidence in its inquiry into a Gender Sensitive Parliament (House of Commons). The next evidence session is on 21st July 2021 from 2.30pm and the Committee would be very pleased if you would give evidence on a virtual panel. The Shadow Leader of the House will also be giving evidence in this session.

Key questions the inquiry is considering include:

- How successfully have changes proposed in the past been implemented in practice?
- What further changes do we need to make to procedures and working arrangements? Eg parental and carer leave; proxy voting; virtual attendance
- The major refurbishment of Parliament taking place over the next decade – the Restoration and Renewal Programme – creates opportunities for positive changes. How can our buildings and facilities be changed to support a gender sensitive House of Commons?
- How can we create a more inclusive culture?
- Which individuals or bodies are responsible for taking action, and who/what should be driving change?

I know that these are issues of great importance to you and look forward to hearing from you.

Rt Hon Caroline Nokes MP

Chair, Women and Equalities Committee