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Dear Ms Fabiani

Committee on the Scottish Government Handling of Harassment Complaints

I am writing to update you on progress with preparing documentation for submission to the Committee in relation to how the Scottish Government investigated the complaints which it received.

This is the fourth tranche of documents which the Scottish Government will be submitting to the Committee; the first three tranches have already submitted as requested. In each case, when we have been identifying documents for submission to the Committee, we have ensured that we adhere to the associated data protection requirements. This has included notifying any named individual whose personal data is included in the documents in advance of submission to the Committee, and notifying them of their legal right to object.

This notification process has therefore been carried out for the fourth tranche of documents, about the investigation of complaints, which is in its final stages of preparation. A formal objection has been received by the Scottish Government on behalf of an individual in response to our notification. In considering the points made in that objection we are taking further legal advice about the options available to us in order to be able to submit to the Committee the range of documents which we would like to send. The process of resolving this position will have a bearing on when the Scottish Government will be able to submit this tranche of documents to the Committee, and I will update you as soon as I have further information.

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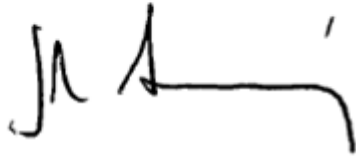
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