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Dear Christina,

Thank you for your letter of 26 January regarding the Equalities and Human Rights Committee's inquiry into human rights and the Scottish Parliament.

The Justice Committee has considered the issues raised in your letter around the scrutiny of human rights in its work. Members emphasised that human rights underpins and runs through all the work of the Justice Committee.

The Committee considers that the scrutiny of human rights issues should not be viewed as a 'box ticking' exercise, but as something fundamental to all the work that it undertakes.

Finally, the Committee agrees that support to enable them to consider human rights issues as they arise in the Committee's work is essential and looks forward to the results of your work.

*Best wishes
Margaret*

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