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Dear Madam

**FOR WOMEN SCOTLAND  
POTENTIAL CLAIM FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

I refer to your letter of 31 July.

Having considered the points raised in your letter, Scottish Ministers do not accept that they are well-founded.

Scottish Ministers are satisfied that the Gender Representation on Public Boards (Scotland) Act 2018 and subordinate legislation made and statutory guidance published under it are within legislative and devolved competence. Scottish Ministers do not consider that the Act is in breach of any EU law obligations and are satisfied that it complies with their obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and any subordinate legislation made under it.

In your letter you make reference to possible judicial review proceedings – you are of course aware of the address for service of court documents on Scottish Ministers.

Yours faithfully

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