

Edinburgh 16 February 2024

Lord Justice Clerk  
Lord Malcolm  
Lord Pentland

Act: O'Neill KC

Alt: Crawford KC and Irvine

The Lords, having heard counsel on the single bills, grant the applicant permission to appeal to the United Kingdom Supreme Court against the decision of the Inner House of 1 November 2023 and decern.

#### Note of Reasons

The applicant seeks permission to appeal to the UKSC against this court's decision of 1 November 2023. Eight grounds of appeal are stated in some detail. We need not address these individually since we are satisfied that, as the respondent concedes, the issue of the correct interpretation of, and interplay between, the Gender Recognition Act 2004 and the Equality Act 2010, in particular in relation to the use of the term "woman" and as to the consequence of the grant of a GRC under the 2004 Act, raise issues which involve arguable points of law of general public importance which ought to be considered by the UKSC at this time. On that basis we are satisfied that leave should be granted.