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Dear Maria,

**TRANSGENDER EQUALITY: REPORT BY THE
WOMEN AND EQUALITIES SELECT COMMITTEE**

I am writing to let you know that there will be a delay in publishing the Government's response to your committee's report on transgender equality.

As I mentioned at the Women and Equalities OPQs on 14 March, the Government welcomed your report and is studying the recommendations in detail. However, this process is taking time. Your report called for very significant changes to the legislative framework around gender recognition, as well as significant reforms of NHS and other public service processes, covering around a dozen different public bodies in total. We are looking through these carefully, but we are not yet in a position to issue a substantive response on all of them.

I understand that you were hoping to see the Government's response immediately after the Easter recess. Unfortunately, we need more time to ensure the best possible response to your report overall. But I will keep you informed of progress and let you know the publication date in good time.

**The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP
Minister for Women & Equalities**

