

I am very concerned about potential plans to discontinue collecting data on sex in favour of gender identity. The sex/GI debate is an ideological one, and has no place informing the collection of data in a serious endeavour such as the Census. Data on sex is vital for maintaining services specifically aimed at women (not including trans-identifying males or 'trans women'). I do not know at what stage these plans are at, and I do agree that given the current climate, it is necessary to collect data on gender identity, but this needs to be carefully considered in terms of the possible impact on women's protected rights. Thank you for your kind attention.

Regards
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