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Ms Kate Forbes MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0034354
7 January 2019

Dear Kate

Thank you for your letter dated 3 October on behalf your constituents about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities and we must all play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September I launched our hate crime campaign alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and in partnership with Police Scotland which aims to encourage witnesses to report hate crime. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witnesses it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

I am disappointed to hear about your constituent's concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and I am sorry if it appeared to him that it did. The letters are addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure your constituent that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make to Scottish society, including supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

The campaign has been developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including Interfaith Scotland, Edinburgh Interfaith Association, and the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society.

We are absolutely committed to tackling hate crime and prejudice. In June 2017 we published our Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities Action Plan, an

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ambitious programme of work to tackle hate crime and build community cohesion, and I chair an Action Group with key stakeholders to take this work forward.

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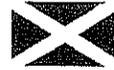
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Dr Alasdair Allan MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0034426
5/ October 2018

Dear Alasdair

Thank you for your letter dated 4 October on behalf your constituents about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign.

I am sorry to hear about the concerns raised by your constituents, but I would like to reassure them that this government takes hate crime very seriously. We are clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities. We all must play our part to challenge it.

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Best wishes

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Mr Fergus Ewing MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0040289
9 January 2019

Dear Fergus

Thank you for your email dated 15 November to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, on behalf of your constituent [REDACTED] about the hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime legislation falls within my portfolio.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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Mr Stewart Stevenson MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0039176
7 January 2019

Dear Stewart

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, on behalf of a number of your constituents about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime legislation falls within my portfolio.

First of all, I would like to reassure your constituents that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities, and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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| MACCS Case Number: | 2018/004580 | Respond by: 7 January 2019 |
| Correspondent/Organisation: | [REDACTED] Council Secretary of the Church & Society Council, The Church of Scotland | |
| Date and time of Event: | Date is flexible | |
| Location of Event: | Central Edinburgh | |
| Overview of invitation and audience profile: | [REDACTED] from the Church of Scotland would like a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary to discuss the recent hate crime campaign. Mr Johnstone was disappointed with the 'Dear Bigots' letter from the campaign and was not satisfied with the official response from the Scottish Government to his letter. | |
| Has the Minister been asked to attend of behalf of FM? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RECOMMENDATION: | Decline | |
| | <p>Comments: It is recommended to decline this invitation as Scottish Government has provided an adequate response to [REDACTED] in relation to the hate crime campaign.</p> <p>The campaign is now over, with all the posters removed from public space.</p> | |
| | If recommendation is to accept, has this advice been agreed with your Head of Division? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Has another Minister been asked to attend: | No | |
| Main theme that the event supports: | N/A | |
| Main purpose of attending: <i>(Tick as many as apply)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain new policy or a major policy shift <input type="checkbox"/> • Reinforce or illustrate existing policy <input type="checkbox"/> • Improve relations with stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Encourage participation in consultation <input type="checkbox"/> • Recognise contribution to policy implementation <input type="checkbox"/> • Announce funding <input type="checkbox"/> • Other (please specify): | |
| Main message to communicate: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. • Hate crime has a hugely damaging effect on both victims and communities so it is important that everybody plays their part to challenge it. • We are committed to developing consolidated hate crime legislation fit for the 21st century and want all communities, to play a full part in the | |

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| | consultation which will inform the development of the consolidated legislation. | |
| Most appropriate type of Ministerial input: | Meeting | |
| Private Office view: | Diary should be checked as that may influence whether another Minister should be asked to take | |
| | Private Office contact: | [REDACTED] |
| Communications Office view: | Comments: | |
| | Communications Office contact: | |
| Action Officer: | [REDACTED] | |

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Mr Michael Matheson MSP
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Our ref: 2019/0001131
January 2019

Dear *Michael*

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2019, in response to my letter dated 11 January 2019 about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign.

The campaign ended on 1 November 2018 and we have no plans to re-use the 'Dear Bigots' letter in future. As explained in my previous letter, the campaign was developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders and we will continue to engage with them in the development of any future campaign activity.

best wishes

Aileen

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Our ref: 2018/0037538
7 January 2019

Dear Rhoda

Thank you for your letter dated 29 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, on behalf of your constituent [REDACTED] about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime falls within my portfolio.

First of all, I would like to reassure your constituent that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities, and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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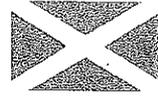
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Mr Liam McArthur MSP
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Your ref: Ar faidhle/
Our ref: 2018/0036034
28 November 2018

Dear Liam

Thank you for your letter dated 9 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, on behalf of one of your constituents about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime falls within my portfolio.

First of all, I would like to reassure your constituent that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities. We all must play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September I launched the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witnesses it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

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I am sorry to hear about the concerns your constituent has about the 'Dear Bigots' letter in particular. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government deeply values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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Email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: 2018/0034357
5 November 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 October, Scottish Minister, regarding the Hate Crime Campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities. We all must play our part to challenge it.

On 26 September we launched the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign and in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witnesses it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

In Scotland, the law currently recognises hate crimes as motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity. Therefore these groups are the focus of the campaign.

I am sorry to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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You have also asked for the total costs associated with this campaign . I have outlined these below:

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| Creative Development & Fees | £ 50,000 |
| Creative Testing | £ 15,000 |
| Media | £190,000 |
| PR | £ 10,000 |
| Research and Evaluation | £ 15,000 |
| Digital | £ 5,000 |
| Contingency for Reactive Communication | £ 15,000 |
| Total | £300,000 |

This year's campaign is a continuation of last year's successful hate crime campaign, 'Hate has No Home in Scotland'.

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Yours sincerely


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Our ref: 2018/0043579
21 December 2018

Dear Mr (redacted)

Thank you for your email dated 5 December to the Minister for Older People and Equalities, Christina McKelvie, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities and we must all play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September we launched our hate crime campaign in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign was series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and describes the experience of victims, stating that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witnesses it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

In regards to the points you made about women's prisons, both the Scottish Government and the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) take the safety and wellbeing of those detained in prison and prison staff very seriously. SPS conduct comprehensive risk assessments to help determine how individuals in their custody are managed, including in relation to their accommodation and any decisions are subject to review at regular intervals. The SPS have a published policy in place in this area:

<http://www.sps.gov.uk/Corporate/Publications/Publication-2561.aspx>.

On the Gender Recognition Act 2004, the Scottish Government has carried out a consultation on reforming the legal gender recognition process more generally. There were over 15,500 responses to the consultation. We have now published the analysis of the responses at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/review-gender-recognition-act-2004-analysis-responses-public-consultation-exercise-report/>. Scottish Ministers are carefully considering the points raised by respondents as they reach decisions on next steps.



Everyone in Scotland must be empowered to achieve their potential irrespective of race, faith, sexual orientation, transgender identity or disability.

I hope you find the above information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0042239
19 December 2018

Dear (redacted)

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities and we must all play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September we formally launched our hate crime campaign in partnership with Police Scotland which aims to encourage witnesses to report hate crime. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witnesses it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0042377
21 December 2018

Dear (redacted)

Thank you for your letter dated 15 November to the Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Local Government, Aileen Campbell, about hate crime and misogyny. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

The Scottish government is clear that any form of violence against women and girls is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. That is why we are implementing [Equally Safe](#), Scotland's Strategy to prevent and eradicate violence against women.

In Scotland, the law currently recognises hate crimes as motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity. And as you note, that is why these groups were the focus of the campaign.

However, it is also worth noting that we will be running an awareness raising campaign to coincide with the implementation the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 which we hope to launch in spring 2019.

As you are also aware, on 14 November we launched a 14 week [public consultation](#) seeking views on what should be included in a new hate crime bill in response to recommendations made by Lord Bracadale. There is a clear need for action to be taken to tackle gender based prejudice and misogyny and our consultation is seeking views on how best to tackle it in Scotland.

I hope you find the above information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0040646
18 December 2018

Dear (redacted)

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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I hope you find this reassuring.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0039537
14 December 2018

Dear (redacted)

Thank you for your email of 10 November 2018, to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, regarding the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Mr Michael Matheson MSP
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Your ref: Const8094
Our ref: 2018/0039702
11 January 2018

Dear Michael

Thank you for your letter dated 9 November on behalf of [REDACTED] about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign.

I would like to reiterate to you and [REDACTED] that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities, and we must all play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September I launched our hate crime campaign alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign ran until 1 November.

As described in the letter [REDACTED] received from my officials, the campaign was developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including Police Scotland, Interfaith Scotland, Edinburgh Interfaith Association and the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society.

The Scottish Government agrees with [REDACTED] that freedom of thought, conscience and religion are important rights which must be upheld. However, I would like to reiterate that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I am sorry if it appeared to [REDACTED] that it did.

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I would also like to reassure [REDACTED] that we deeply value our relationships with our diverse faith communities including our Christian communities, and appreciate the valuable contributions they make towards building a safer, more inclusive Scotland.

I hope that both you and [REDACTED] find this reassuring.



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Our ref: 2018/0040549
Your Ref: RC6787/SC
8 January 2019

Dear Roseanna

Thank you for your letter dated 8 November on behalf of your constituent, [REDACTED], about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and I am sorry if it appeared to him that it did. The letters are addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure your constituent that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make to Scottish society, including supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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We are absolutely committed to tackling hate crime and prejudice. In June 2017 we published our Tackling Prejudice and Building Connected Communities Action Plan, an ambitious programme of work to tackle hate crime and build community cohesion, and I chair an Action Group with key stakeholders to take this work forward.

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Mr [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: 2018/0039054
7 December 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 7 November, to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

The Scottish Government agrees that freedom of thought, conscience and religion are important rights which must be upheld. In my letter dated 7 November, I explained that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report it. I am sorry if it appeared to you that it did.

I would again like to reassure you that we deeply value our relationships with our diverse faith communities including our Christian communities, and appreciate the valuable contributions they make towards building a safer, more inclusive Scotland.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
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T: [REDACTED]
E: [REDACTED]

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Our ref: 2018/0039138
14 December 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 29 October to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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I am disappointed to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and I am sorry if it appeared to you that it did. The letters are addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make to Scottish society, including supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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Our ref: 2018/0037738
7 January 2019

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Thank you for your letter dated 29 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf and myself about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime falls within my portfolio.

First of all, I would like to reassure your members that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities, and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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I would like to confirm that the letter was absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and I am sorry if it appeared to them that it did. We have no plans to re-use this letter in future. The letters were addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aimed to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make to Scottish society, including supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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The work to tackle hate crime and build connected communities is the responsibility of the Connected Communities team, who I know your organisation have met previously. The team would be happy to meet with you again, please contact [REDACTED] if you wish to set a date.

I hope you and your members find this reassuring.



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Our ref: 2018/0039204
18 December 2018

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter dated 27 October to the Minister for Older People and Equalities, Ms McKelvie MSP, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

[Redacted]

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E: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: 2018/0037393
27 November 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 26 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Mr Mike Rumbles MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0037738
7 January 2019

Dear Mike

Thank you for your email dated 23 October to the Minister for Community Safety on behalf of your constituents about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime falls within my portfolio.

First of all, I would like to reassure your constituents that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities, and we must all play our part to challenge it.

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E: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

Our ref: 2018/0036517
21 November 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 22 October to Scottish Ministers about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0036486
21 November 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

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PS Minute

ADVICE FOR: HUMZA YOUSAF

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| MACCS Case Number: | 2019/0003816 | Respond by: 18 February 2019 |
| Correspondent/Organisation: | [Redacted] | |
| Date and time of Event: | Date is flexible | |
| Location of Event: | Edinburgh | |
| Overview of invitation and audience profile: | The Cabinet Secretary for Justice has been invited to attend a meeting with [Redacted] to discuss the recent hate crime campaign. | |
| Has the Minister been asked to attend of behalf of FM? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don't Know <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RECOMMENDATION: | Decline | |
| | <p>Comments:</p> <p>Although advice is to decline, we are aware that Mr Yousaf wishes to accept this invitation in order to build stakeholder relationships.</p> <p>As this falls within Ms Campbell's portfolio, Mr Yousaf has suggested that she joins the meeting if possible.</p> <p>[Redacted] was disappointed with the 'Dear Bigot' letter from the hate crime campaign, as he felt it targeted Christian communities negatively. He is keen that people of faith are not further misunderstood.</p> <p>If recommendation is to accept, has this advice been agreed with your Head of Division? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> | |
| Has another Minister been asked to attend: | Ms Campbell has been invited to attend. | |
| Main theme that the event supports: | Safer and stronger | |
| Main purpose of attending: <i>(Tick as many as apply)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain new policy or a major policy shift <input type="checkbox"/> • Reinforce or illustrate existing policy <input type="checkbox"/> • Improve relations with stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Encourage participation in consultation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Recognise contribution to policy implementation <input type="checkbox"/> • Announce funding <input type="checkbox"/> • Other (please specify): | |
| Main message to communicate: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. • Hate crime has a hugely damaging effect on both victims and communities so it is important that everybody plays their part to challenge it. | |

E: [Redacted]

[Redacted]
Email: [Redacted]

Our ref: 2018/0036090
14 November 2018

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email dated 17 October to Scottish Ministers, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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I hope you find this reassuring.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034612
7 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 5 October to the Scottish Government's complaints department about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

This government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities. We all must play our part to challenge it.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0038055
7 December 2018

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email dated 17 October to Scottish Ministers, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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I am disappointed to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and I am sorry if it appeared to you that it did. The letters are addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make to Scottish society, including supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0035865
21 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 10 October to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, and Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, about misogyny and misandry. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

As you will be aware, on 14 November we launched a public consultation on Lord Bracadale's recommendations to consolidate and modernise hate crime legislation in Scotland. This consultation will provide a range of organisations and groups, as well as members of the public, with an opportunity to share their views and inform what is included in the new hate crime legislation.

As 80% of victims of domestic abuse are women, it is right that a significant amount of effort goes into preventing and eradicating this abuse and the harmful attitudes that help to perpetuate domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women and girls. However, the Scottish Government recognises and appreciates that men can also face preconceived attitudes and abuse.

The Scottish Government recognises that there is a clear need for action to be taken to tackle gender based prejudice and misogyny and we are open to views on how best to do this. This forms part of our consultation and I would encourage you to share your views through the consultation process, which can be accessed at [Hate Crime Bill Consultation](#).

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034779
7 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 8 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, MSP, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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I am sorry to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034614
7 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 8 October to Scottish Ministers about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Ms Lisa Cameron MP
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Our ref: 2018/0034404
3/ October 2018

Dear Lisa

Thank you for your letter dated 4 October on behalf of [REDACTED] about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign.

I am sorry to hear about the concerns raised by Reverend Watson, but I would like to reassure him that this government takes hate crime very seriously. We are clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities. We all must play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September I launched the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witnesses it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

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I hope [REDACTED] finds this reassuring.

*best wishes
Aileen*

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Our ref: 2018/0034264
6 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 2 October to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034610
6 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your emails dated 7 October to the Scottish Government's complaints department about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0035456
21 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 9 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0035201
12 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 10 October to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, and Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, about misogyny and misandry. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

As you are aware, we will shortly be launching a public consultation on hate crime legislation in Scotland. This consultation will provide a range of organisations and groups, as well as members of the public, with an opportunity to share their views and inform what is included in the new hate crime legislation. We are open to views on how best to tackle misogynistic harassment in Scotland and this will form part of our consultation.

The Scottish Government recognises and appreciates that men can also face preconceived attitudes and abuse. However, as 80% of victims of domestic abuse are women, it is right that a significant amount of our efforts go into preventing and eradicating this abuse and the harmful attitudes that help to perpetuate domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women and girls.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034611
6 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 6 October to the Scottish Government's complaints department about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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I am sorry to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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Mr Gordon Lindhurst MSP
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Our ref: 2018/0035392
8 January 2019

Dear Gordon

Thank you for your letter dated 12 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, about the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign. I am responding as hate crime falls within my portfolio.

I would like to say at the outset that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities. We all must play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September I launched the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witness it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

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I am sorry to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and am sorry if it appeared to them that it did. We have no plan to re-use this letter in future. The letters were addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aimed to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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You have also asked for the total costs associated with this campaign . I have outlined these below:

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| Creative Development & Fees | £50,000 |
| Creative Testing | £15,000 |
| Media | £190,000 |
| PR | £10,000 |
| Research and Evaluation | £15,000 |
| Digital | £5,000 |
| Contingency for Reactive Communication | £15,000 |
| Total | £300,000 |

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Our ref: 2018/0034382
6 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 3 October to the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0035133
8 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 10 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034903
7 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 9 October to Scottish Ministers, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2018/0034307
6 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

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I am sorry to hear about your concerns in relation to the 'Dear Bigots' letter. I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, but is addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our Christian communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

In Scotland, the law currently recognises hate crimes as motivated by prejudice based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation and transgender identity. Therefore these groups are the focus of the campaign.

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Our ref: 2018/0034773
7 November 2018

Dear Mr (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 8 October to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Humza Yousaf, regarding the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Our ref: 2018/0034862
6 November 2018

Dear (Redact)

Thank you for your email dated 9 October to Scottish Ministers about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign. I work in the Scottish Government's Cohesive Communities team and have been asked to respond.

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Our ref: 2018/0041047
7 January 2019

Dear Alasdair

Thank you for your letter dated 4 October on behalf of your constituents about the Scottish Government's recent hate crime campaign.

First of all, I would like to reassure your constituents that this government is clear that any form of hate crime or prejudice is completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Hate crime has hugely damaging effects on victims, their families and communities, and we must all play our part to challenge it.

As you are aware, on 26 September I launched the Scottish Government's hate crime campaign alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and in partnership with Police Scotland. The campaign is a series of letters addressed to perpetrators of hate crime which states that 'your hate has no home here'. They are signed 'Yours, Scotland' in order to encourage those who read it to report hate crime if they witness it – therefore helping to create 'One Scotland' where hate crime and prejudice is not tolerated.

The campaign has been developed in partnership with a range of stakeholders, including Police Scotland, Interfaith Scotland, Edinburgh Interfaith Association and the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society.

I would like to confirm that the letter is absolutely not intended to target those of faith, and I am sorry if it appeared to some of them that it did. The letters are addressed to perpetrators of hate crime and aims to encourage witnesses to report. I would also like to reassure you that this government values our relationships with our diverse faith communities and appreciates the valuable contributions they make to Scottish society, including supporting many of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

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I hope you and your constituents find this reassuring.



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