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## **Government Policy on Transgender Issues**

Thank you for contacting me about transgender equality.

Transgender people must not face bullying or injustice.

The Government has issued appropriate guidance to employers and service providers.

In order to understand more clearly the nature and scope of the issues as a whole, the Government has committed to building a better evidence base by carrying out research into the size and composition of the transgender population, and will begin measuring social attitudes towards transgender people.

Issues such as gender self-declaration will be kept under review. The Gender Recognition Act will also be reviewed in order to see whether improvements can be made to streamline the gender recognition process, for example, by looking at whether gender recognition should no longer be treated as a medical procedure. The Government hopes that ways can be found of removing unnecessary distress for those involved. It is also sensible to ask if healthcare resources and professionals' time are being deployed in the most helpful ways.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

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