

**Subject:** Request for correspondence with Stonewall in relation to collection of data on sex and gender for Scotlands Census 2022.

**FOI reference:** 202100138234

**Date received:** 14 January 2021

**Date responded:** 05 February 2021

**Information requested:**

Any correspondence between the Scottish Government and/or civil service and Stonewall in relation to how the Government gathers data on sex and gender in the past two years. This should include, and not be limited to emails, written and electronic correspondence and records of meetings.

**NRS Response:**

National Records of Scotland (NRS) fulfils the function of the non-ministerial office of Registrar General for Scotland, which is separately named as a Scottish public authority under Schedule 1 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). We are therefore providing our own response in relation to information held by NRS which falls within the scope of this request.

An update has been published on the Scotland's Census 2022 events for sex question development held on 14 and 16 August 2019 on the Scotland's Census website:

<https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/node/699>

The following copies of documents are also enclosed:

Attachment 1 – Joint letter (including Stonewall as joint signatory) to Cabinet Secretary Culture, Tourism and External Affairs – 2 September 2019

Attachment 2 – Note of Scotland's Census Equality Impact Assessment stakeholder event – 23 September 2019 (Stonewall attended) (includes reactions of NRS officials' names)

Attachment 3 – Question Development update e-mail to stakeholders from NRS member of staff – 29 April 2020 – text only (multiple recipients including Stonewall)