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Dear Lord Vallance,

I understand that in the briefing to peers in advance of this afternoon's debate the message was conveyed that Sex Matters is happy with the Government's position which I understand is not to amend the Data (Use and Access) Bill to address the problem of inaccurate sex data.

**Please note this is NOT our position.**

In order to provide an accurate and reliable digital verification system the government must ensure that the system is based on a clear and accurate definition of sex (i.e. biological sex, as confirmed by the Supreme Court) and that it

EXCLUDES unreliable datasets, which we currently understand to include data from HMPO, DVLA, NHS and HMRC.

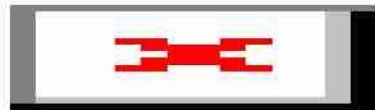
The only currently reliable dataset on sex is the birth register and this can be used as the foundation for verifying the sex attribute in the DVS.

Other datasets can be added later, when these public bodies are able to provide accurate data. I would suggest that the NHS is the next priority.

We think that this should be on the face of the Bill, given the demonstrated reluctance of many public bodies to implement the Equality Act, even after the Supreme Court's judgment.

Our briefing in advance of the debate is attached.

Maya Forstater



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