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**Dear Ms Bradshaw,**

**RESPONSE TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION TO JUNIOR MINISTER CAMERON ON  
13 MAY 2024 IN RESPECT OF AQO 400/22-27 (ORAL NO.6)**

During question time on 13 May 2024, you asked Junior Minister Cameron the following supplementary question: “Can the Junior Minister outline whether sex workers and trans women — both vulnerable and marginalised sections of society — were engaged with?” Junior Minister Cameron advised that you would receive a reply in writing.

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) officials engaged with a range of individuals and organisations throughout the development of the draft Strategic Framework. During the Call for Views a series of focus groups were held, including with those organisations supporting the LGBTQIA+ community. This also included a meeting with National Ugly Mugs, a UK-wide charity which works with sex workers.

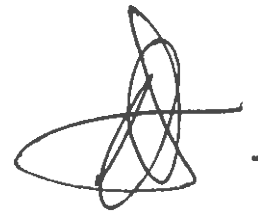
Engagement also took place with The Rainbow Project, who were a co-design partner and facilitated a focus group alongside HRe NI during the Public Consultation to ensure representation from the LGBTQIA+ community, including transgender women. These organisations also responded to the public consultation which took place last year.

The draft Strategic Framework has been designed, and will be delivered, with an intersectional lens, ensuring that the needs of women and girls facing additional inequalities and barriers are embedded throughout.

Yours sincerely



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**First Minister**



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