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Question Development update e-mail to stakeholders from Jenny Allan-Jones (NRS) – 29 April 2020 – text only (multiple recipients including Stonewall)

Good evening,

I am contacting you as someone who has previously engaged with question development for Scotland's Census 2021. This email is to let you know that the National Records of Scotland (NRS) has updated the Convener of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee on two practical developments being made to Scotland's Census collection functionality.

The first is that, following feedback from a range of stakeholders, NRS has taken the decision not to have online type-ahead predictive list functionality for the 'Other' category of the sexual orientation question. The 'Other' category will now enable respondents to free type the response they wish to provide without any prompts.

The second matter is in relation to how the sex and transgender status/history questions are presented online. Following early cognitive testing and subsequent usability testing, as well as the evaluation exercise of the census rehearsal, the conclusion was that the questions should appear on separate screens. Moving the transgender status/history question to its own screen immediately after the sex question is the most suitable solution. A note will be added on the sex question screen to inform respondents that the transgender status/history will (for those aged 16 or over) be the next question.

I hope you find this update helpful.

Kind regards,
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