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Dear Mr Speaker,

As you may know the first set of Women and Equality Oral PQ sessions has been scheduled for Thursday 17th June.

As the Women and Equality agenda is naturally a cross-cutting one, I would like to extend the remit of Women and Equality questions to all areas of equality and will accordingly be inviting other Ministers with responsibility on equality issues to attend the regular Women and Equality Oral PQ sessions where appropriate.

It is important to ensure that the Government is truly accountable to Parliament and I feel that widening the basis on which members can ask questions is a positive part of this transparency. I have also written to the official opposition informing them of this decision.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House of Commons and the Chief Whip and putting a copy in the House library.

Rt Hon. Theresa May MP