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Dear Ephraim

Thank you for your letter of 9 November 2015.

I understand that Sandra White has written to you herself this afternoon to apologise unreservedly both to you and to the Jewish community for re-tweeting an image that was completely unacceptable and for the offence it has caused. I know she has also assured you that she had not intended to re-tweet this image and did so accidentally.

The image in question is certainly not something I would expect to see tweeted by Sandra or by any member of the Party.

Having spoken to Sandra directly about this matter I know that she understands the seriousness of this accidental re-tweet and deeply regrets the offence it has caused. We all share the view that nothing must be done that provides the views expressed in the image any legitimacy whatsoever.

I do hope that Sandra's letter addresses your concerns in relation to her actions.

Regarding the original tweet itself, I find it and the image it contained abhorrent. As I stated at Giffnock, I will not tolerate anti-Semitism or religious or racial hatred of any kind at any level in our society.

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I look forward to continuing to work with you and further strengthening the links between the Scottish Government and the Jewish community in Scotland, which is and always will be an integral and highly valued part of Scottish society.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Sturgeon'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'N' and a distinct 'S'.

NICOLA STURGEON
Leader