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Subject: Meeting note from EHRC Equality Bill Meeting - Race equality

Dear colleagues,

Many thanks for attending the Equality Bill Roundtable on 4 June with Trevor Phillips. We hope you found the meeting as useful as we did and that we can continue to work together to ensure the success of the Bill.

Please find attached below a copy of the action points from the meeting. In particular, I would like to draw your attention to action point one, three and nine which require actions from the group. Actions remaining for the Commission will be taken forward in the near future.

1. Legal Policy to circulate a list of public bodies currently subject to the single public duty to all stakeholders.
2. ROTA will share their paper highlighting concerns around which public authorities fall under the scope of the new Bill **(ROTA)**.
3. The Commission asked members of the group to submit evidence of bodies they felt would be exempt from the duty **(ALL)**.
4. Particular concern was raised around Student Unions neglecting their responsibilities under PSDs either because they believe they are not within the scope of the legislation, or because Unions champion freedom of speech ahead of their PSDs responsibilities. Legal Policy to clarify
5. The Commission to do more work around Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) 2008 report which includes definition and list of public functions.
6. The Commission will keep all stakeholders informed on progress with guidance.
7. Stakeholder Relations will circulate EHRC's position on extension of the Public Sector Equality Duty to Religion and Belief to Race Equality stakeholders **(Actioned, please see email sent on 4 June)**
8. Stakeholder Relations Team to send John Azah (Bforec) the link to EHRC consultation survey on guidance **(Actioned)**.
9. **Alex Goldberg, London Jewish Forum**, to send the Commission the top 5-6 'bug bears' on guidance problems.
10. Legal Policy will work on developing a paper which contains key amendments to the bill agreed and signed by key race stakeholders. **(David Ruebain)**
11. The Commission will carry out more work around reassuring race organisations of its commitment to race equality and will produce a similar EHRC publication to 'Sex and Power' for each of the strands.

12. The Commission offered support to Rupert Daniel in addressing his local authority to explain how the PSD does not water down their duty to race.
13. The Commission will schedule another meeting after committee stage.

If you have any amendments, additions or response please send these to me and I will circulate to the group and relevant individuals within the Commission.

We will be in touch in due course regarding the next set of meetings. If you have any other queries please feel free to contact me directly.

Best wishes,

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