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Dear Ms Venn-Brown

Thank you for your correspondence dated 20 September 2018 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, regarding gender discrimination in the banking and finance sector. I have been asked to reply on the Prime Minister's behalf.

All Australians have the right to be treated honestly and fairly in their dealings with their financial service provider. In addition, the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth) protects people from unfair treatment on the basis of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status, marital or relationship status, pregnancy and breastfeeding.

The Sex Discrimination Commissioner is aware of the issues raised by stakeholders regarding discriminatory banking policies and approaches, and the particular impact that such discriminatory practices can have on women's economic security. While the Commissioner is not able to assist with individual matters, the issues you have raised help to inform the Commissioner's work on women's economic security, and sex discrimination more broadly.

If you or any of your organisation's members would like to speak to someone in the Commission about making a complaint, you can contact the National Information Service on 1300 656 419 or 02 9284 9888, or by email at infoservice@humanrights.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Brown', written over a white background.

Cameron Brown
A/g Assistant Secretary
Office for Women
2 November 2018