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RUTH HUNT'S RADIO 4 PORKY - AN EXPLANATION

Yesterday, on @BBCRadio4 @BBCPM, Ruth Hunt asserted that it is 'enshrined in law' that trans women are women. Questions have been raised as to the truth of this statement. @RadFemLawyer provides a full explanation:

To obtain a GRC and be able to legally change one's gender today requires a diagnosis of dysphoria and a two year period living in one's acquired gender. Only THEN can a GRC be issued and legal gender change be possible.

Therefore, very few of today's trans identifying males (transwomen) are legally female. ONLY those with a GRC. But, If Stonewall gets the GRA revisions it seeks, any male could attain this legal status quickly and without any diagnosis of dysphoria, or a two year wait.

So, very few of the males who identify as women today have legally changed their gender. Ruth should have said: 'a small proportion of today's trans women (only those with a GRC and a diagnosis of dysphoria) are legally women.' Most are men.'

As well as misrepresenting the truth of today's situation, Ruth implies that the journey to her vision of a Stonewall-engineered post-GRA reform UK represents just a minor development of today's reality - and nothing to make a fuss about.

In fact, Stonewall's version of GRA reform would lead to a vast increase in the numbers of males changing their legal gender to 'woman'. This would represent a huge social and political change - not the administrative finessing that Ruth presents GRA reform as.

Finally, Ruth continues to blur the distinction between 'woman' as legal category, & 'woman' as a concept, as a material condition, as flesh and blood. The fact that biological males with a GRC can be legally women does NOT lead to a redefinition of 'woman' as a material reality.

A woman remains an adult human female. But males with a GRC are legally women - what can be described as a 'legal fiction'. They are women in law - but not women in material reality. We do not need to alter our understanding of 'woman' in response to their legal gender change.

If anyone has improvements or corrections to any of this - please share them. Thank you to @RadFemLawyer for her help enabling me to get my head around this.

And you can listen to the whole shitshow here, from about 47 mins in: https://t.co/n2DEsbqE0d