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Convener Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee By email

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Dear Ariane,

Since my letter of 28 May to Committee my officials have been seeking advice regarding publication of our implementation update in accordance with pre-election guidance. As the update itself does not impact on the immediate delivery of the scheme, it is advisable that there is a short delay to publish this after the General Election later in July.

I am still very happy to engage with the Committee on the detail of the amending statutory instrument and the rationale for inclusion of the provisions in order to inform Committee's scrutiny. This includes data and information¹ that is already published, such as the recently released official statistics on application levels and our engagement² with the range of stakeholders who have informed the amendment, within the scope outlined to Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Housing

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¹ Minister for Housing (parliament.scot)

² <u>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2024: business and regulatory impact assessment - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</u>