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Dear Gordon MacDonald MSP,

At the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee meeting on 4th June 2024, you asked officials giving evidence about unclaimed tenancy deposits and for the annualised amount that is unclaimed.

Annual Report Year	Total number of unclaimed deposits	Increase in number from prior year	Total value of unclaimed deposits	Increase in value from prior year
2012/13	267	N/A	£105,987	N/A
2013/14	2,445	2,178	£786,873	£680,886
2014/15	4,677	2,232	£1,332,744	£545,871
2015/16	6,860	2,183	£1,938,530	£605,786
2016/17	8,503	1,643	£2,346,964	£408,434
2017/18	8,294	Decrease of 209	£2,190,000	Decrease of £156,964
2018/19	8,690	396	£2,308,763	£118,763
2019/20	10,002	1,312	£2,597,074	£288,311
2020/21	12,050	2,048	£3,301,259	£704,185
2021/22	12,912	862	£3,306,695	£5,436
2022/23	13,900	988	£3,660,948	£354,253

The following table details the annualised figures since 2012.

Please be aware that each of the three schemes may calculate unclaimed deposits differently, as an unclaimed deposit is not currently defined in law, meaning these figures should be taken as estimates only.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

PAUL MCLENNAN
Minister for Housing