



The Scottish Parliament
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Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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Dear Peter

Inquiry into Housing

The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee has been carrying out an [inquiry into Housing](#), which has explored the response to the ongoing housing emergency at both national and local levels.

To support the Committee's understanding of the current position, I am writing to each of the local authorities which have declared a housing emergency for an update on the current position. The Committee will publish a report into its inquiry and will draw on the information provided.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide the following:

- How you have defined the housing emergency;
- An update on the action taken in your area to tackle the emergency and what progress has been made.
- The Committee is particularly interested in whether measures have been taken, where relevant to your authority, to reduce the number of property voids or empty homes, or to increase the acquisition of properties.

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- Whether you are experiencing a reduction in the numbers of people and children living in temporary accommodation, or who are homeless, as a result of those actions.
- Details of how you measure progress towards tackling the emergency, including indicators and how these are monitored.

I would be grateful for a response by Friday 14th February.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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