



The Scottish Parliament  
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## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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### 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 as an update to your previous submission to the Committee in July:

- An update on the action taken in your area to tackle the emergency and what progress has been made.
- What progress is being made in reducing the number of property voids or empty homes, or to increase the acquisition of properties.
- 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 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

Yours sincerely,  
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Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

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