

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Paul McLennan MSP Minister for Housing Scottish Government

10th September 2024

Dear Paul,

Scottish Government's amendments to Housing (Scotland) Bill

Many thanks for attending Committee this morning to provide evidence on the Bill.

You confirmed today that the Scottish Government is intending to make amendments to the Bill in response to concerns about the need to sustain investment in the rental sector. You explained that you are not yet in a position to confirm what those amendments will be.

You indicated that you anticipate the amendments to have been developed by October. The Committee reflected today that it may wish to delay its report consideration in order to take these amendments into account.

To allow the Committee to reach an early decision about its Stage 1 timescales I would be grateful if you could confirm as a matter of urgency whether the amendments will be ready in October.

A response by midday on Thursday (12th September) is therefore requested in order the Committee can consider any potential changes to the timescales for its Stage 1 scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

Ariane Burgess MSP Convener

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