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**Social Justice and Social Security Committee**

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Dear Minister,

**Housing and homelessness**

Since the beginning of the year, the Committee has held two sessions that focused on housing and homelessness. There are some outstanding issues that the Committee is seeking the Scottish Government's response on.

Please find these below:

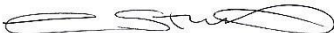
- How is the Scottish Government ensuring that it is providing “added urgency” to the measures being implemented to help respond to the challenges councils are experiencing in their homelessness services, as the Scottish Housing Regulator has recommended?
- How is the Scottish Government monitoring the impact of the actions it is taking in response to the recommendations from the Temporary Accommodation Task and Finish Group? Can the Scottish Government provide details on the impact of

the national acquisition plan, including information on spend and the number of homes approved to date?

- What is the impact of the affordable housing supply budget on plans to reduce homelessness and the use of temporary accommodation?
- What specific additional action will the Scottish Government take to end homelessness in light of the declaration of a national housing emergency?
- During the housing emergency debate, the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice said "it is the asylum process that caused the housing crisis and emergency in Glasgow." Can the Scottish Government explain the reasoning for this statement?
- What update can the Scottish Government provide on the policy for the wider dispersal of asylum seekers in Scotland and the impact this may have in Glasgow and other local authority areas?
- What dialogue has the Scottish Government had regarding a partnership approach to tackling the housing challenges presented by the UK Governments policies including their recent efforts to fast track asylum claim decisions when led to Glasgow City Council declaring a housing emergency?

The Committee would appreciate a reply by **20 July 2024**, so that it can reflect on the response as part of its work programme considerations.

Yours sincerely,



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