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Social Justice and Social Security Committee

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Dear Mr Taylor,

Processes following the determination of asylum seekers' claims

I am writing to you on behalf of the Scottish Parliament's Social Justice and Social Security Committee regarding the process undertaken by Mears Group once the Home Office has determined whether an asylum seeker's claim to refugee status has been granted or refused.

The Committee are specifically interested in:

- A step-by-step overview of Mears Group's policies and processes following the determination of claims.
- How quickly people are moved on following determination.
- How many people who have had refugee status granted have been formally moved on.

- How many people who have had refugee status rejected have been formally moved on.
- How many accommodation facilities Mears Group manage, how many people they house, and the size of these facilities.
- What work on future potential housing options does Mears Group carry out with individuals and families awaiting asylum decisions; and how does this assist with homelessness prevention?
- Does Mears Group or the UK Government make any financial contribution to local authorities or others to support the housing transitions of those moving from the asylum system following a positive decision?

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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Convener
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