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Dear Ariane,

I last wrote to you in December last year highlighting discussions between the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee and Lady Paton, Chair of the Scottish Law Commission, in relation to the Commission's then anticipated work on tenement property and common repairs. The Committee was particularly interested in the timescales for this work, which is not due for completion until 2026 at the earliest.

Since then, the Committee has written twice to Shona Robison MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government, to seek more details on the Scottish Government's expectations of when this work might be completed.

The Committee's interest in this area of the Commission's work stemmed from an evidence session with Lady Paton in September 2021, covering all aspects of its programme of law reform. However, the Committee appreciates that tenement property falls firmly within the remit of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee. At its meeting on 26 April 2022, the Committee agreed to forward all our correspondence to you as tenement maintenance may be something the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee may wish to consider as part of its work programme.

Links to the Committee's evidence session with Lady Paton, as well as all related correspondence, are included in the **annex** to this letter. I hope this is of benefit to your Committee's work and I would be delighted to speak about this further if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee

Annex: links to the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee's work on tenement maintenance and common repairs

2021

- [28 September: Evidence session with Lady Paton, Chair of the Scottish Law Commission](#)
- [5 October: Convener to Lady Paton](#)
- [18 October: Lady Paton to the Convener](#)
- [15 November: Convener to Lady Paton](#)
- [6 December: Lady Paton to the Convener](#)
- [23 December: Convener to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government](#)
- [23 December: Convener to the Convener Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee](#)

2022

- [31 January: Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government to the Convener](#)
- [10 March: Convener to the Cabinet Secretary](#)
- [25 March: Cabinet Secretary to the Convener](#)