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Dear Ariane,

Thank you for your letter of 10 September following the Committee's evidence session asking about the timescale for amendments in response to concerns about the need to sustain investment in the rental sector.

While amendments will not be brought forward until Stage 2 of the Bill, I confirm it is my intention to settle the Government's position on the policy relating to section 9(3) of the Housing (Scotland) Bill in October and to write to the Committee as soon as possible once the necessary work has taken place to describe how the Government intends to change section 9(3) to achieve this policy position.

I trust this will enable the Committee to consider the final position on the Government's policy intent as you finalise your Stage 1 report which will in turn of course more broadly inform Scottish Government's approach to Stage 2 of the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Housing