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Dear Gordon,

Following the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee meeting on 4th June 2024, we provided figures detailing the annualised amount of unclaimed tenancy deposits held by the three tenancy deposit schemes. The most recent figures provided were for 2022/2023.

We note that in the Scottish Association of Landlords supplementary report, that they have provided more recent monthly figures. These monthly figures are currently released by the tenancy deposit schemes on a quarterly basis. I have attached a copy of the supplementary report for reference.

In accordance with [The Tenancy Deposit Schemes \(Scotland\) Amendment 2019](#), the three schemes have up until 31 August each year to provide us with their annual audited accounts and relevant bank statements, as such we have not yet received these reports for 2023/2024. Once received, these figures are then scrutinised by both Communities Analysis Division and Accountancy officials.

In reference to the increase of number and value of unclaimed tenancy deposits, we received notification from one of the schemes in August 2023 explaining that they had reviewed the criteria used to report on unclaimed deposits and as such this resulted in a fluctuation in their figures. Provisions within the Housing (Scotland) Bill will create a legal definition of when a tenancy deposit can be considered unclaimed, ensuring there is consistency in all three schemes figures going forward.

I hope the above information is helpful.

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