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Convener
Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

By email

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Dear Arianne,

Further to my letter to the Committee of 29 February, I am writing to inform you we intend to lay secondary legislation on 16 May 2024 that amends The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) Order 2022.

In addition, on 23 May 2024 we will publish the next release of short-term let licensing application statistics. This will cover two quarters of statistics (quarter three – 1 July to 30 September 2023 and quarter four – 1 October to 31 December 2023). This is instead of publishing quarter three in April 2024.

Due to the volume of applications received by licensing authorities, additional time has been given to submit statistical returns to the Scottish Government. This will provide a more complete set of data in May; however, we are aware a few authorities are still working to validate applications they have received for this period. As local authorities assess and validate applications, the figures of validated applications will update for each quarter and in subsequent publications of data.

I will provide the Committee with an update on the implementation of short-term let regulation before Parliamentary recess starts at the end of June, which will take the May statistical publication into account.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister for Housing