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Dear Paul,

### Short-term lets

I note that you have now laid the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-term Lets) (Amendment) Order 2024 before Parliament. The Committee looks forward to hearing from you on this Order next month.

This week, however, the Committee considered your letter of 22 April and noted that:

- The next release of short-term let licensing statistics will be on 23 May; and
- An update on the short-term let licensing scheme will be published before the end of June.

Firstly, do you still expect to meet these timescales?

And secondly, in advance of the publication of that update the Committee would welcome your reflections on stakeholder suggestions to:

- Remove home sharing from the scope of the short-term lets licensing scheme; and
- Extend the period that temporary licenses can apply for beyond six weeks.

The stakeholder concerns that prompted these suggestions are particularly relevant to the summer period and accordingly I would be grateful if you could get back to me as soon as possible and in any event by no later than **29 May 2024**.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Ariane Burgess  
Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee