



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee

Mairi McAllan MSP  
Cabinet Secretary for  
Housing  
Scottish Government

**26 June 2025**

Dear Mairi,

**Scottish Parliament Petition PE1743: Amend the law to protect the rights of pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenants**

This petition was raised by Govan Community Council and Central Govan Tenants' and Residents' Association, who called on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to amend the Rent (Scotland) Act 1984 to prevent disproportionate rent increases being set for pre-1989 Scottish Secure Tenants.

Previous [correspondence](#) with the Scottish Government about the issues raised in this petition advised that it does not intend to legislate in this area on the grounds that it would be complex and not necessary.

The Committee agreed to close the petition under Rule 15.7 of Standing Orders. However it wishes to highlight to the Scottish Government the need for continued engagement with rented sector stakeholders on this issue and requests that you keep the Committee updated of such activity.

Yours sincerely,

Ariane Burgess  
Convener, Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee