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Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR)

Dear Ariane,

Thank you for your letter of 14th November regarding the Scottish Housing Regulator and the Scottish Regulators' Strategic Code of Practice, following the Committees correspondence about this in March and the reply from the Minister for Housing in April.

The Scottish Regulators Forum has been reconvened and will hold its inaugural meeting on 11 December 2025. The Forum will provide a platform to review the Scottish Regulators' Strategic Code of Practice, in line with the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014. This work will ensure that compliance and enforcement activities are carried out in a way that supports the Scottish Government's investment and economic growth objectives. Our aim is to lay an updated version of the Code before Parliament in 2026.

The Scottish Housing Regulator have confirmed to Committee that they will actively engage in the Forum and contribute to the review of the Code.

While there is currently no requirement for central monitoring of individual regulators' compliance with the Code of Practice, we acknowledge the Committee's view on this matter. We will engage with Forum members at a future meeting to explore their perspectives.

I thank the Committee for its ongoing work in relation to scrutinising the performance of the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Yours sincerely,

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Cabinet Secretary for Housing