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Upcoming Secondary Legislation: Awaab's Law

Dear Ariane,

Further to my letter of 7 November, I am writing to update the Local Government, Housing & Planning Committee on my intention to lay secondary legislation for Awaab's Law to assist the Committee's work planning.

As you know, should Parliament agree, I am committed to introducing Awaab's Law across the rented sector from March 2026, starting with tackling damp and mould – ensuring cases are swiftly investigated and promptly acted upon as appropriate.

It is my intention to amend both the repairing standard under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and the right to repair scheme under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 under one Scottish Statutory Instrument to make best use of Parliament's time. This single SSI will be subject to the affirmative procedure and is scheduled to be laid in draft on the 21 January 2026.

I hope this update is helpful and I look forward to further engaging Parliament shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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Cabinet Secretary for Housing