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By email

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Dear Margaret,

**Re: Having and keeping a home**

Thank you again for appearing before the Committee on 5 February. Before we continue our work by publishing a summary of our follow-up work on the inquiry and, in due course, drafting our Session 4 legacy report, we seek clarification on a number of points.

Could you please provide some more details on the following—

- how the Scottish government measures statistics on the number of people, and specifically young people, being classed as intentionally homeless;
- whether the Scottish Government has faced any early difficulties in collection and collation of PREVENT1 statistics;
- the Scottish Government's approach to addressing issues around housing supply and the knock on effect of availability of suitable housing under the housing options approach;
- how the Scottish Government does, or intends to, include housing within the GIRFEC approach and the implementation of the Children and Young People Act;
- how the Scottish Government aims to ensure that housing considerations are built into a range of policy areas across its departments and,
- whether planned guidance for staff on housing options will take into account the need for a professional-level approach to decision-making and whether there will be ongoing training for staff given the importance of the role.

We look forward to your response, which we ask you to provide by **Thursday 2 April**.

Yours sincerely,

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