

**Correspondence from the petitioner to the Clerk to the Infrastructure and
Capital Investment Committee, dated 27 November**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 November 2015.

After careful consideration of all the facts, including the discussion at the recent Committee meeting, I would like Petition 1539 to be kept open for a number of reasons.

Firstly, it is important for this Petition to be kept open because the Petition has not yet achieved Freedom of Information to cover all housing associations. I do acknowledge that the Scottish Government are having a consultation next year with the intention to cover all housing associations with FOISA. However, this is only a consultation, with no pre-determined outcome.

Secondly, it is important that all stakeholders, i.e. tenants and factored homeowners, are covered by a Section 5 Order. In other words, it is very important that ALL stakeholders have the right to information underpinned by Statute Law, namely, FOISA. To this end, I believe it is very important that this Petition stays with the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee and does not go back to the Public Petitions Committee.

I would be more than happy to give further evidence to your Committee on this Petition, as I believe this would be very beneficial to members of the Committee.

I trust this information is of value to you.

Yours sincerely

Ann Booth