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Dear Steve

This letter is to inform members of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee of the forthcoming publication of "A Place to Stay, A Place to Call Home: a Strategy for the Scottish Private Rented Sector".

I will be formally launching this Strategy, the first of its kind for the private rented sector since devolution, at an event being jointly hosted by Shelter Scotland and the Scottish Association of Landlords on 30 May 2013.

The Strategy aims to improve and encourage investment within the private rented sector by enabling a more effective regulatory system and targeting tougher enforcement action.

Informed by the work of the Scottish Private Rented Sector Strategy Group, the Strategy sets out the Scottish Government's vision and strategic aims for the sector, including:

- **improving quality** of property management, condition and service;
- **delivering for tenants and landlords**, meeting the needs of people living in the sector, consumers seeking accommodation and landlords committed to continuous improvement; and
- **enabling growth and investment**, helping to increase overall housing supply.

A copy of the Strategy, embargoed until 30 May 2013, has been enclosed for Committee members' reference.

Kind regards

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