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Dear Joyce Orr,

Thank you for your correspondence of 24 January, in response to my letter of 12 January regarding the process of notification of rent increases within the social housing sector in Scotland.

I fully appreciate the points you make in your letter around the cost of hand-delivering letters to tenants, particularly during the current cost of living crisis. As reflected in my letter of 12 January, my officials are considering the points you have raised in your letter, which have also been shared in correspondence from the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA).

Any amendments to the current arrangements with regard to notification of rent increases for tenants would be required to be made by a change in primary legislation. The forthcoming Housing Bill may be one possible option through which this change could be delivered.

Policy and legal officials continue to seek the most appropriate mechanism through which to deliver this change, and as such I am not in a position to share a timeline for change with you at this time, as requested in your letter. I will, of course, keep you advised as soon as any progress is made in this matter.

I hope this information is of use to you.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul McLennan', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

PAUL MCLENNAN
Minister for Housing

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