Did you take part in either of the Scottish Government consultation exercises which preceded the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. Unknown

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. n/a

Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?
3. Yes

If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that these have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details?
4. The Bill attempts to identify costs which would be incurred by local authorities and these seem reasonable estimates per incident, perhaps for some local authorities with high numbers of these the additional work may require additional staff.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM and projected over 15 years for each service are reasonable and accurate?
5. As above the costs identified seem reasonable, though cannot see 15 year projections in the financial memorandum.

If relevant, are you content that your organisation can meet the financial costs associated with the Bill which your organisation will incur? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?
6. It is not anticipated that the costs in relation to the placing of a charging order will be significant. However as is currently the case, there is some concern over the ability of the local authority to source the initial money required to pay its expenses (both its own costs and those of a contractor who they engage to carry out the work) at the time of an incident. Due to existing budget pressures any substantial demand on a local authority to pay its expenses in carrying out work could have a knock on effect on other local authority services until the money paid out is recovered from the owner(s).
Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the estimates and the timescales over which such costs would be expected to arise?

7. It is clear that the ability to actually recover costs should be improved, however the extent of the recovery will depend on the cost of works undertaken and the value if any income from the charging order. Presumably funds may only be received once the remaining land (if building is demolished) or land and building is sold by the owner and this presumably may never happen.

Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?

8. Yes

Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?

9. Unknown