Consultation
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. Yes. Our comments focussed on the proposed changes to Right to Buy entitlement and we thought that overall this would be beneficial. However we did recognise that house sales income does benefit our capital investment plans and that this would have to be revisited in the event that RTB is abolished.

Do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?
2. Yes this is the case.

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

Costs
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. Generally yes, although we did express a concern about the possibility of a surge in sales, particularly from tenants with a preserved right to buy during any notice period.

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. Yes.

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. Generally yes, particularly where the proposals will help local authorities in delivering important services.

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. Yes.

Wider Issues
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. There may be future costs associated with some of the private sector aspects of the legislation and growing public expectations about the role that local authorities should play in these matters; such as managing private sector landlord registration and private sector house conditions.