Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Inquiry into Land Register of Scotland: progress of local authorities in registering their land

Written submission from Perth and Kinross Council

Perth & Kinross are in a similar position to many other local authorities. Whilst I am unaware of any formal legal requirement as regards the timescale for registration, I am aware of the Government’s desire to have all public land registered by 2019. You will however be aware that most, if not all local authorities, challenged that timescale as unrealistic at the outset, in the absence of additional resources. The task itself is significant and with ever increasing financial and resource pressures, we simply do not have the capacity to undertake a comprehensive exercise. We are therefore undertaking the task of registration of our public land incrementally as and when transactions are undertaken. We shall continue to do this but would advise that, in the absence of additional resources being made available to local authorities, it is highly unlikely that we will have the exercise completed by the desired 2019 date.

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