Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

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

Written submission from Scottish Borders Council

Scottish Borders Council are aware of the request made by Ministers to the Keeper to complete the Land Register of Scotland, and to register all public land by 2019. We note that this is not a mandatory obligation on Local Authorities.

At present Scottish Borders Council is taking a case by case approach to registering land within its ownership. Registration dues (payable to the Keeper) which would be occasioned by Voluntary Registration are however significant and we are currently unable to commit the necessary resources to fund a comprehensive programme of Voluntary registration.

In light of the above Scottish Borders Council is regrettably not confident that it will complete the registration of its land by 2019.

Should additional funding be made available to assist us with this work, we would of course be happy to look at accelerating the programme.

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