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Dear Mr Arthur,

PE1676: The Land Registration etc. (Scotland) Act 2012

This [petition](#) was lodged in October 2017 and has been referred to the Economy and Fair Work Committee this session.

In 2018, the previous Public Petitions Committee wrote to the Scottish Government and Registers of Scotland (RoS) seeking responses to the issues raised in the petition. [In response](#), the Scottish Government advised it had “no current plans to review the use of the cadastral map” and also that it was “of the view that the 2012 Act is currently working as intended”. [In its response](#), RoS said “it would be both impractical and extremely resource intensive for RoS to seek to take our own view on the accuracy of updated information provided by the Ordnance Survey ... In our experience, mapping mistakes by OS are highly unusual but the 2012 Act makes provision for errors in the cadastral map to be rectified when they come to light.” On the provision of death certificates, RoS said it was entitled to rely on information certified by a solicitor to be correct and did not consider it necessary to ask solicitors to provide copies of death certificates.

Before deciding what action to take on this petition, the Committee agreed I should write to you to establish whether the Scottish Government’s position has changed and whether there have been any relevant developments. I would be grateful if you could provide an update by 21 January 2022.

Kind regards

Claire Baker MSP
Convener