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Dear Convener,

I am writing to you to let you know that I will be requesting a minor addition be made to the parliamentary official report following my appearance before the committee on 20 January 2026.

During my appearance I stated that:

“The Housing Emergency Action Plan (HEAP) is helping to deliver results for first time buyers. 365 applications approved between 2nd Sept and end of December, 68 purchases completed, 19 of these households including children”.

My officials have since informed me that there was an inaccuracy contained within my briefing pack and the figures quoted by me related to the Open Market Shared Equity Scheme (OMSE) in its entirety which includes First Time Buyers (FTB's) and priority access groups, not solely FTB's. I will therefore be requesting that the following addition be added to the official report:

"The Housing Emergency Action Plan (HEAP) is helping to deliver results via OMSE which includes first time buyers and priority applicant groups with 365 applications having been approved between 2nd Sept and end of December, 68 purchases completed and 19 of these were households including children”.

I apologise for this error and would be happy to provide any specific figures relating to those groups who are utilising support via OMSE if this would be helpful for the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Cabinet Secretary for Housing