Dear Graham,

In my letter to you of 2nd October last year, I confirmed that for a number of reasons, the Scottish Government was not intending to lay consolidated versions of the principal Regulations for the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme.

As you may be aware, we have today laid a set of Regulations that apply the annual uprating of various elements of the CTR scheme, as well as a small number of other elements. I would like to draw your attention to the annex to the Policy Note for those Regulations. This comprises versions of each of the principal Regulations showing the source and effect of changes made to their original text, including the 2019 uprating Regulations.

These have been prepared in response to your Committee’s requests. We have not consolidated the Regulations because further amendments are likely to be needed in response to further changes to the Universal Credit system. Such changes would swiftly make any consolidated text outdated. Furthermore, consolidation would cause some inconvenience to users as it would see substantial re-numbering of provisions, requiring them to update material that refers to particular regulations. Therefore, the Government considers it to be more useful to users to be able to access for reference versions in the style we annexed. However, we hope that you find these texts, showing all amendments to the CTR scheme Regulations, to be of assistance.

8th February, 2019.
Regards

KATE FORBES