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Dear Shona,

Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee

Given the Committee's land reform remit, it is currently doing a piece of work in relation to whether public sector bodies are able to meet the Scottish Government's request to register all their properties on the Land Register of Scotland by 2019.

The Committee has written to all 32 local authorities and NHS Scotland to ask whether they were:

- aware of the requirement to register their property on the Land Register of Scotland by 2019;
- currently taking steps to register its property; and
- confident of completing its registration by 2019.

The Committee received responses from 25 of the 32 local authorities as well as from NHS Scotland. The full text of the responses can be found here:

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/106728.aspx>

NHS Scotland said that NHS Boards are aware of the 2019 requirement and that each Board should be addressing this as part of its normal business and funded from existing resources. It added that:

“NHS Boards take the deadline very seriously and are taking all appropriate steps to complete the work within this timeframe, but due to complexities of the issues that are arising, it is too early to confirm at this point that the entire programme will be complete by May 2019.”

At its meeting on 21 November, the Committee agreed to write to you to ask, based on NHS Scotland's response along with what you already know on this

issue, whether you are confident that all NHS Boards will meet the Scottish Government's ambition for registering their land by 2019? In addition, what support, advice and guidance is the Scottish Government providing for NHS Boards on this work and are you monitoring progress?

I would be grateful for a response to these points by **Monday 15 January 2018**.

The Committee is also writing to the Minister for Local Government and Housing, the Keeper of the Registers of Scotland and the Chief Executive of COSLA on this issue. I am copying this letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform for information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Dey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Graeme Dey MSP
Convener
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