Dear Minister

Redemption of Heritable Securities (Excluded Securities) (Scotland) Order 2018 (SSI 2018/376)

At its meeting on 23 January 2018, the Local Government and Communities Committee considered the Redemption of Heritable Securities (Excluded Securities) (Scotland) Order 2018, due to come into force on 15 February 2019.

During discussion on the instrument, the Committee noted in the Policy Note accompanying the Order that “since October 2014, Scottish Ministers have undertaken a number of public consultations on the proposal to exempt certain heritable securities from “the 20 year security rule”’. The Committee further noted in the Policy Note that “the formal consultation was completed several years ago and the Order could not be pursued at this time”. The Committee therefore agreed to ask the Scottish Government why such a period of time has passed between the initial public consultation in October 2014 and the laying of this instrument before the Parliament in December 2018.

The Committee agreed to make no recommendation in relation to the instrument but in so doing would be grateful for a response to the questions it posed and looks forward to receiving your reply in due course.

Yours sincerely

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