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Dear Maureen

Homelessness in Scotland

Thank you for your recent letter advising me of the findings of the Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee (ICI) resulting from evidence received as part of the Committee's follow-up review of the 2012 homelessness commitment. I was pleased to be able to appear before the Committee on 8 October on this important issue.

I will be responding in more detail to the findings in due course, but I wanted to contact you now to make clear the Scottish Government position on funding for the Housing Options Hubs in 2015/16 in advance of the appearance of the Deputy First Minister, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure, Investment and Cities on the Draft Budget 2015-16 on 12 November, as suggested in your letter.

As I made clear when I provided evidence at the Committee, I believe the development of housing options approaches is vital to preventing homelessness in Scotland and the Hubs have, and should continue to have, a key role in this.

Consequently, I am delighted to be able to inform you that the Scottish Government will be allocating funding of a further £150,000 to the Housing Options Hubs for 2015/16.

Kind regards

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