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Dea Maureen,

In response to the query raised at the ICI Committee evidence session on the 8 February 2012 which asked when a Scottish Local Authority last sold a brand new house at a 50% discount.

The Scottish Government does not collect information on individual RTB sales and the discounts associated with them; therefore, I am unable to provide you with this detail.

However, I can advise that Right to Buy (RTB) no longer applies to new supply social housing. The RTB reforms in the Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 ensure that the limitation on the purchase on new supply social houses applies to houses let under an SST created on or after the 1 March 2011 if the house was built or acquired by the landlord after the 25 June 2008.

We estimate that this reform, combined with the ending of RTB for new tenants, should retain in the social housing sector between 10,000 and 18,000 houses that otherwise would be lost through RTB. These reforms should also lead to improved financial stability for social landlords due to a greater reliance on rental income streams rather than capital receipts from RTB sales.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Kind regards

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