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To: Emer Boyle, Clerk to the Communities Committee

From: Peter Hall, Clerk to the Finance committee

Date: 8th October 2026

Subject: Call For Evidence on the Housing (Amendment) Bill

Dear Emer,

Following the Call For Evidence on the Housing (Amendment) Bill, the Committee for Finance agreed to ask the Department of Finance if there is a policy locus for it in the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Bill and if it is engaged in respect of the financial cost for each Bill.

At its meeting on 07 October the Committee considered a response from the Department in which it states that DoF does not have a policy locus in relation to this Bill.

With regard to the financial implications, it is the Department's understanding that the Bill is estimated to lead to an additional cost of approximately £2.5m per year.

The Committee agreed to share this information with the Committee for Communities.

You will wish to share this with your Committee.

Regards,

**Peter Hall
Clerk to the Finance Committee**

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Point 13 – Members would ask the Department if there is a policy locus for it in the provisions of the Housing (Amendment) Bill.
In addition Members would ask the Department if it is engaged in respect of the financial cost for each Bill.

Response –

DoF does not have a policy locus in relation to this Bill.

With regard to the financial implications, it is our understanding that the Bill is estimated to lead to an additional cost of approximately £2.5m per year.