



BALMORAL CASTLE

4th October, 2022.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 3rd October addressed to [REDACTED] seeking The King's consent to the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) Bill. I can confirm that His Majesty is content to place his interest at the disposal of the Scottish Parliament for the purposes of this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP
First Minister of Scotland



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3 October 2022

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To: First Minister
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Subject: Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill - submission and letter to send seeking Crown Consent
Attachments: Crown consent - Submission to FM - Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) Bill.docx; Annex A - Crown Consent - Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) Bill - Letter from FM to King's PS.docx
Importance: High

PS/FM

As discussed with Redacted I attach a submission marked as **Immediate**. This is to seek Crown consent for this emergency bill by 10am on Thursday 6 October. I also attach the letter at Annex A separately for ease.

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First Minister

COST OF LIVING (TENANT PROTECTION) (SCOTLAND) BILL – CROWN CONSENT

Priority and Purpose

1. **Immediate.** To provide a draft letter for your office to send to the Private Secretary to His Majesty the King, seeking Crown consent to the provisions of the Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill.

Recommendation

2. This immediate submission recommends that you:
 - Approve the letter at **Annex A** for your office to send to the Private Secretary to the King;
 - Agree this should issue by 4pm on 3 October 2022.

Context and Issues

3. The Bill is currently scheduled to be introduced and published on Tuesday, 4 October but with the possibility of this being brought forward to this afternoon or evening. A motion to convert the Bill to an emergency timetable will be taken on Tuesday 4 October with Stage 1 taking place that same day. Stage 2 of the Bill will take place on Wednesday 5 October and Stage 3 will take place on Thursday 6 October.
4. In order for the Bill to conclude Stage 3 in line with this timetable, Crown consent needs to be signified by the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government ahead of the Stage 3 debate on Thursday afternoon 6 October. We propose to include this in the opening statement.

Options Considered and Advice

5. In order to ensure that Crown consent is secured in good time, I would be grateful if the letter and accompanying documents could be issued by 4pm today. As this is an emergency Bill, an urgent response is sought by no later than **10am on 6 October** and we will be providing a scanned copy of the relevant material for the Palace.

Assessment of Options

6. It is a requirement that Crown consent is obtained for any Bill which affects directly, indirectly, or by implication, the Royal prerogative, the hereditary revenues of the Crown, or the personal property or interests of the Sovereign. In

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7. In correspondence with the King's Solicitor in Scotland, **Redacted**, no initial concerns have been raised over provisions proposed by the Scottish Government. It has been noted that the private residential tenancies provisions could affect residential tenancies on Balmoral. Further, **Redacted** has confirmed that The King has an Edinburgh flat in which there is a tenant.

Bute House Agreement Implications

8. In light of both the Bute House Agreement and the amendments protocol which supports that agreement, there has been early and good engagement with the Green Party portfolio lead, who is supportive of both the measures in this Bill and the timings for concluding the Bill's passage. There are no specific Bute House Agreement implications in connection with seeking expedited Crown consent, itself.

Financial and Legal Considerations

9. There are no financial considerations in seeking Crown consent.
10. Under paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 to the Scotland Act 1998, any Bill which requires the consent of the Crown cannot be passed by the Scottish Parliament until that consent has been signified to the Parliament.

Sensitivities

11. As His Majesty is normally given 14 days to respond to requests for Crown consent, officials have been in touch with the King's Solicitor to make him aware this request would be coming and that consent would be sought within much tighter timescales than normal. The King's solicitor has liaised with the Palace to ensure the request can be considered at an appropriate time.
12. Difficulties in obtaining consent might arise if amendments made at Stage 2 change, or add to, the reasons for seeking consent. Given the narrow scope of the Bill, it is considered that this would be unlikely.

Quality Assurance


13. This Submission has been approved by Catriona MacKean (Deputy Director, Better Homes).

Conclusions and next Steps

14. I recommend that you:

- **approve** the letter at Annex A to the Private Secretary to His Majesty The King: and
- **approve** the arrangements for enclosures with and copies of the letter as set out in Annex B (and we will work with your Private Office on these logistics).

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From: Redacted
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Cc: DG Communities; Director for Local Government and Housing; MacKean C (Catriona); Redacted
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Subject: IMMEDIATE: Cost of Living (Protection of Tenants) (Scotland) Bill – Crown consent – sharing a draft Bill
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We recommend you note this and agree to the draft Bill being shared, in confidence, with the King's Solicitor on Tuesday 27th September.

Regards,
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06 October 2022 12:37

To:

First Minister; Redacted

Cc:

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Attachments:

04.10.22 - Redacted (FM Office - Cost of Living (Tenant Protection) (Scotland) Bill) DR.pdf

Hi Redacted

Please find attached official confirmation from HM the King.

Many thanks,

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Categories: ERDM, Important Read

Good afternoon Redacted

Ms Robison has noted the below, and is content for the draft bill to be shared.

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Hi Redacted

Mr Harvie is content.

Many thanks

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