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**Document 1 – Email chain between Government officials and Presiding Officer
Office regarding Housing (Scotland) Bill**

From: [REDACTED - Section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]@Parliament.scot>
Sent: 15 September 2025 11:01
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<Annalee.Murphy@gov.scot>; [REDACTED - Section 38(1)(b) (personal information)];
[REDACTED - Section 38(1)(b) (personal information)];
Subject: RE: Housing (Scotland) Bill - stage 3 - SG amendment

Hello Jon,

The Presiding Officer has considered the proposed amendment and decided that it is not admissible.

Kind regards

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From: Jonathan.Brown3@gov.scot <Jonathan.Brown3@gov.scot>
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Hi [REDACTED - Section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]

Thank you for the quick response. Yes, we would like this to be sent to the presiding officer in its current form.

Essentially our position is that the amendment has a direct link to housing and should therefore be considered within scope. That there is other material in the amendment doesn't diminish that connection.

I appreciate it will be Monday before we get a ruling and that consequently it won't appear in today's daily list.

Thanks

Jon

From: [REDACTED - Section 38(1)(b) (personal information)]@Paliament.scot>
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2025 4:36 pm
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Hello Jon,

Thank you for sharing the draft amendment. Having looked at the content, we do have concerns around admissibility in relation to the scope of the amendment. While we feel that the first three subsections are within the scope of the Housing Bill, we do not think that inserted sections 75A-C have a direct enough link to housing issues. The fact that the levy could be used, to some extent, to address housing issues does not change the fact that it can be used for a wide variety of purposes, and may not be used for housing at all.

If you would like to pursue this amendment as drafted, please let us know and we will send it to the Presiding Officer for a decision. In that case, we do not expect there would be a decision made today.

Kind regards

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