

Scottish Parliament Private Rented Sector Tenants Housing Panel

Are you a tenant in private rented housing?

Would you like to share your views on what should be included in law that affects tenants?


**You can ask to join
the
Tenants Housing
Panel here**



The Scottish Government is proposing some changes in the law which will affect people living in the private rented sector.

The job of the Scottish Parliament is to examine and scrutinise the work of the Scottish Government. For example, in housing law and policy. The [Local Government Housing and Planning Committee](#) will scrutinise new proposals that relate to housing legislation before they become law. In the private rented sector these proposals include:

- Rent control
- Ending a joint tenancy
- Greater flexibility to personalise a home
- Greater flexibility to keep a pet
- Unclaimed tenancy deposits
- Greater protections during the eviction process



The Scottish Parliament want to hear the views of tenants in the private rented sector.

As someone in private rented housing are you interested in taking part in a small group with other tenants to share your views?

This would involve:

- sharing your ideas and experiences
- working as a group to make recommendations about what the Scottish Government should do
- meeting with MSPs on the Committee to test ideas

Meetings

There will be three online meetings and one in person at the Scottish Parliament. We anticipate that these meetings will last 1 – 2 hours. We expect participants to attend every meeting.

Payment

For participating in the sessions, we will offer vouchers or payment of the following amounts to acknowledge the value of lived expertise. Travel and other necessary expenses will be covered.

Session 1 - £30 - for participation of up to 2 hours

Session 2 - £30 - for participation of up to 2 hours

Session 3 - £30 - for participation of up to 2 hours

Session 4 - £30 – for participation of up to 2 hours

Who will be involved

The group will be around 10 individuals. We are inviting people to register their interest to take part by completing this survey. From this we will select a range of tenants from different areas, types of household and backgrounds.

Please can you tell us a little bit more about yourself.

We want to hear from different people in different circumstances. To do this we need you tell us about yourself. We will recruit people to take part in the panel from the responses, using criteria for selection.

How to request to take part

If you think you might like to take part, please complete this survey. Unfortunately, we will not be able to involve everyone. If you are not selected for the panel, there will be other opportunities to express your views on the legislation when it is introduced in Parliament via a Call for Views. You will automatically be told of these opportunities by signing the privacy notice for this survey.

Please note that individual cases are not in the Committee remit - these would be referred to constituent MSPs.

Dates

- Session 1 online - Monday 29th January 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Session 2 online - Monday 4th March 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Session 3 online - Monday 25th March 6.30 to 8.30pm
- Session 4 – to be confirmed.

Any questions

If you have any questions or would like to have a chat, please contact kate.smith@parliament.scot

Click on the box below to complete the survey and register your interest in joining

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About the Local Government Housing and Planning Committee

Introduction to the Committee

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government Housing and Planning Committee looks at local government (including councils)

- the planning system in Scotland
- housing and housing strategy
- building standards

The Committee is made up of 7 Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) from across the political parties represented in Parliament.

More information about Committees in the Scottish Parliament can be found in [this short video](#). A short video on how laws are made in the Scottish Parliament can be [viewed here](#).

How the Committee works

Committee members decide together what issues and areas they want to find out more about. They then work with Scottish Parliament staff to decide how best to get the information they are looking for. Some of the ways they might do this are:

- write to the Scottish Government or other organisations asking to ask questions;
- hold an inquiry into a certain subject over a few weeks and ask the relevant people and organisations to come to the Committee to share information (this is often called 'giving evidence');
- hold a focus group to give people the opportunity to share their views more informally or in private;
- hold a one-off evidence session on a very specific issue.

After the Committee has finished gathering information and hearing from the people and organisations involved, members decide on next steps. Sometimes a short report with recommendations for the Scottish Government and other organisations is produced. Alternatively, the Committee may want to write to a Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary or Minister to ask for an urgent response to its findings. When the Committee examines draft legislation known as a Bill they produce a report before MSPs debate the Bill in the Debating Chamber.

Members of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee



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