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Dear Denise

Request for Update: Second Homes and Short Term Lets

Thank you for your e-mail dated 18th September 2025 with attached correspondence in relation to the above.

By way of update on the work of the cross departmental group, I can advise that the group is working to finalise Terms of Reference to enable the Department for Communities to commission research. The purpose of the research is to provide a more informed understanding of the relative impact, if any, of short-term/holiday lets in Northern Ireland on housing supply. It is the current intention that a final research report will be available later next year.

You may note that the remit of the cross-departmental working group has evolved since our earlier correspondence. While initial discussions encompassed both second homes and short-term lets, the group's current focus has been refined to concentrate specifically on short-term/holiday lets. This reflects the collective aim across relevant departments to support the evidence base for the Executive's Housing Supply Strategy and subsequent action plans. In parallel, the Department for Communities is undertaking separate research into second homes, to help improve understanding of the issues. I trust this clarification is helpful and reflects the coordinated approach being taken across government.

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I will be in a position to provide further updates as this work progresses.

Yours sincerely

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