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Dear Stakeholder,

### **Barclay Implementation: A consultation on non-domestic rates reform**

I am writing to let you know the independent analysis report of the almost 150 responses submitted to the above consultation has been published today on the Scottish Government website [<https://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781787815797/>].

I welcome your engagement in this process and am grateful for the time you have taken to submit a response. All the responses received have been carefully considered and have helped shape the forthcoming Non Domestic Rates (Scotland) Bill. The Scottish Government aims to introduce this Bill to the Scottish Parliament before the Easter recess.

I have today responded to a Parliamentary Question which sets out the provisions of the Bill and I attach a link for your information [<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5W-21757&ResultsPerPage=10>].

There will be further opportunities for you to continue to engage, not least through the parliamentary process of the Bill, and I would encourage you to do so where possible. For those who may not be familiar with the parliamentary process, it might be helpful if I explain what happens next. When a Bill is introduced to Parliament it is assigned by the Parliamentary Bureaux to one of the Committees. Shortly after this the Committee will publish, through the Parliament's website, "a call for evidence". This means people are asked to write to the Committee about the Bill. The Committee will consider all the written evidence submitted and may decide to invite people to give oral evidence to the Committee.

Whilst this process is entirely a matter for the Parliament, I have asked my officials to email the relevant links to the Parliamentary website when information on which Committee the Bill has been assigned to is available.

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Finally, the Barclay Implementation Advisory Group which was convened to inform the implementation of the Barclay Review recommendations has today published its final report and I attach a link to this [<https://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781787815674/>] for your information

I look forward to continuing to engage with you on the forthcoming bill. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the first instance if you have any further questions or comments.



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