1. This additional evidence in relation to the Right to Buy aspects of the Housing (Scotland) Bill should be read in conjunction with the evidence submitted by the SFHA on 4th March 2010.

2. The first point is one of clarification. Paragraph 8 of our initial evidence discusses those housing associations with charitable status, but who, for whatever reason, missed out on obtaining their charitable status by the 18th July 2001 ‘cut off’ date for RTB exemption. This date was contained in the 2001 Act and not in this draft Bill, as stated in our submission.

3. In our view those associations should not necessarily have to justify an extension to the blanket exemption beyond 2012 simply because they missed a notional cut-off date. We understand that there are around 15 organisations falling into this category, and around 7000 properties at risk of becoming eligible to be bought under RTB in 2012.

4. The second point is one we originally made in our response to consultation on the Bill, and is in addition to the point made in our initial evidence around Pressured Area Status, and the fact that it only applies to the Modernised Right to Buy. The SFHA feels that the Bill’s proposals around Pressured Area Status would be more meaningful if they were to include extending the scope of Pressured Area Status to include the preserved RTB. It seems to us that if an area is deserving of Pressured Status, it ought to apply to ALL forms of RTB.

SFHA
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