

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Parker for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question (1) Following the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee meeting on 14th May it was agreed that officers would explore options for sending information about the MTIS works to private tenants. What information will be sent to private tenants, in what form will the information be sent and when can tenants expect to receive this?

Answer (1)

Question (2) At the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work meeting on 14th May it was agreed that officers would update the MTIS webpage to reflect works happening in Lochend / Restalrig. Can the Convener confirm when the MTIS webpage will be updated to reference this?

Answer (2)

Question (3) For the Lochend / Restalrig scheme of works, how many letters have been issued to residents so far? Additionally, of the letters sent, how many have not responded to that communication or first survey vote? Please provide a breakdown of this by the number of flats per block and associated phase of the works.

Answer (3)

Question (4) A response to an FOI request for information about the number of households affected by MTIS work in Lochend / Restalrig cited 1274 households of which 243 were private rentals. The dashboard contained in Appendix 3 of the 8.1 Cyclical Assurance report at the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee meeting on 14th May 2024 cited 1075 households with just 28 private rentals (cited as 5% of the total 556 privately owned flats). What is the correct figure and what is the reason for the difference in figures?

Answer (4)

- Question** (5) Two rounds of voting are being conducted in the Lochend / Restalrig area on MTIS, one on whether to undertake the initial survey for MTIS works and one on whether to proceed with the recommended works. What are the results so far for each of these rounds of voting? In each instance, please provide the number of blocks that have voted to go ahead, the number of blocks that have voted not to go ahead and associated phase of works.
- Answer** (5)
- Question** (6) How many Council tenants in the Lochend / Restalrig MTIS area who are living in minority owned Council blocks have so far been outvoted for either the survey or scope of works?
- Answer** (6)
- Question** (7) What are the plans for Council minority blocks that vote no to MTIS works?
- Answer** (7)
- Question** (8) Over the course of the Wester Hailes MTIS works, how many flats were acquired by the Council? Of these flats, what percentage were owner-occupier vs rental properties?
- Answer** (8)
- Question** (9) To date, as part of the MTIS programme in Restalrig / Lochend, how many enquiries have been made to the Council regarding acquisitions, and what percentage of these are owner-occupiers vs rental properties?
- Answer** (9)
- Question** (10) What was the average (mean) bill for MTIS works in Wester Hailes and what was the range of costs? Please also provide a breakdown of costs.
- Answer** (10)
- Question** (11) Relating to the MTIS works in Wester Hailes, what works were included as “essential” repairs, as per the Tenement Act?
- Answer** (11)

Question (12) Of the costs incurred as part of MTIS works in Wester Hailes, how much has been covered by the base level ABS funding?

Answer (12)

Question (13) Does the building warrant "Value of Work" include the contingency, admin fees and VAT?

Answer (13)

Question (14) For the surveys already completed for MTIS works in Lochend / Restalrig, what is the average (mean) quote for works, and what is the range of quotes for the works?

Answer (14)

Question (15) Please can the Convener confirm a full list of surveys which are undertaken as part of MTIS works (e.g. ventilation and damp tests, roof surveys etc)

Answer (15)

Question (16) How are surveys results from pre/post MTIS works compared and how is success of the works evaluated?

Answer (16)