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TOLSON URGES NEW MINISTER FOR ACTION IN CROMBIE

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West raised the longstanding issue of poor quality housing in the constituency at Themed Question Time in the Scottish Parliament.

Jim commented “I am very concerned about the unsatisfactory housing conditions present in the Unitroy houses in Crombie. The corrosion in the joints of these steel framed houses has now meant that they are classed as ‘statutory defective’ and that they have a very limited life span. The tenants and owners of these 50 houses are in urgent need of help! Many of the tenants and owner/occupiers are currently living in very poor housing conditions and are, as in the example I mentioned in the debating chamber, damp with warped metal framed windows and doors, and impossible to heat using inefficient heating systems.

I took the opportunity in the debating chamber to invite the new Minister for Communities and Housing, Alex Neil, to accompany me on a visit to the Unitroy houses in Crombie to view the housing conditions for himself. Perhaps then he will be able to appreciate the urgent need for housing association to repair or replace those 50 homes. I have now written to the Minister and hope to hear from him in the near future.”

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