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Tolson to meet with the Housing Minister

Jim Tolson MSP for Dunfermline West will be meeting with Alex Neil MSP, Minister for Housing and Communities to discuss housing issues in Dunfermline West on Thursday 17th September.

Jim said “Firstly, I will thank the Minister for his positive attitude and help with the Crombie housing issue. Crombie residents have been fighting for some time for a resolution and the Minister has certainly shown interest in finding a solution. I will be pressing him for timescales and assurance on the funding to demolish and replace the 50 affected houses.”

Jim commented “On another housing issue, whilst I am very pleased to see the first new council housing in Dunfermline in years, there is no doubt that the amount of funding Fife has received for social housing has been reduced under the SNP Government.

In 2007/8, Fife had a total of £21.545m core funding in its housing programme but this was reduced in 2008/9 to just £13.133m. Whilst there has been an increase in 2009/10 to £16.945, this is not enough to help the many people waiting for housing in the Dunfermline West area. I will be asking the Minister to, at least, restore the funding levels to the 2007/8 figures. I am willing to work with him and my colleagues on Fife Council to provide more social housing in my constituency”.

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