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Sent:	Tuesday 8 March 2022 16:38
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Subject:	RE: HPLG-MOBO-00410-2022

Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
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RE: HPLG-MOBO-00410-2022

Dear Cllr. McGrattan,

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding the issue of rent arrears being accrued by tenants of Dublin City Council and your query regarding the commencement of section 53 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2014, which provides for the deduction of local authority rent, etc., by the Minister for Social Protection. I further note that similar correspondence regarding this matter has also been received from Ms. Louise Ryan, Chair of Dublin City Council's Audit Committee and a response by the Department has already issued been issued.

The Department is cognisant of the consistent problems arising as a result of rent arrears across the country. While it is acknowledged that a (direct) deduction at source facility would have the potential to prevent rent arrears arising in the first instance, such a facility relies on the development and implementation of a national standardised rents system.

Housing for All and the *Programme for Government* commit to introducing a standardised national differential rents system to ensure, among other things, fairness for tenants across all local authority areas. The Department is currently considering several alternatives to the current system of the different local authority rent schemes and expects to bring proposals to Government for consideration in Q2 2022.

A working group has been established, with representatives from the Department, the Department of Social Protection, the LGMA and the CCMA, to examine the feasibility of introducing a system of direct deduction from source for local authority rent payments. The matter is still being considered by the working group.

The points you raise in your correspondence have been noted.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

From: Housing Minister
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15 February 2022

Cllr. Séamas McGrattan
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RE: HPLG-MOBO-00410-2022

Dear Cllr. McGrattan,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your housing query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary

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Subject: Letter from Cllr Seámas McGrattan, Chair of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee, Dublin City Council

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Good afternoon Minister,

Please find attached correspondence from Cllr. Seámas McGrattan, Chair of the Finance Strategic Policy Committee, Dublin City Council, for your attention.

I would appreciate if you might acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Best regards,

Mary

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