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To the Chair of the Economy & Infrastructure Committee

**“The Scottish Government has a presumption against new build developments of over 30 houses to be connected to the telephone exchange with copper cable, instead to use Fibre To The Premises (FTTP). However, Openreach reports that developers are only giving them a quarter of the required time to install the more complex fibre cable. This means that BT Openreach are increasingly forced to lay copper cable instead.**

**In the last four years, what proportion of developments over 30 houses have been installed with copper/FTTC versus the required FTTP and what effort has the Council taken to ensure the faster, future-proof FTTP is the default installation for new builds?”**

*We do not hold this information, as it is not a requirement of either planning or building warrant submissions; it is a commercial arrangement between developers and private providers. Efforts have and will continue to be made with Scottish Government to discuss whether this default position should change, and that full fibre should be a pre-requisite of all new development proposals.*

*Since 2018 all affordable housing projects, as a minimum, include provision which will allow for Full Fibre connection, such as ducting of an appropriate size. The aim is that the routes are available for cabling to meet Fibre standards even if fibre is currently not available in a given location. Individual householders, at the point of activation, are required to contract with a network provider of their choice.*