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**Subject:** RE: Plan of Action for Decision VII/8i Progress Report

Dear Fiona,

With apologies for the delay, the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage have come back with the following update to their progress report for Decision VII/8i.

*The Planning and Development Bill 2023 was initiated in the Oireachtas on 22nd November 2023. The Extension of Duration provisions are in Chapter 5 of the Bill - Alteration, Extension and Revocation of a Permission. Please find attached a copy of the Chapter 5 provisions of the Bill and associated Explanatory Memorandum. Please also find links below to the Bill and associated Explanatory Memorandum.*

*Planning and Development Bill 2023 (<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/bills/bill/2023/81>)*

*Explanatory Memorandum – Planning and Development Bill 2023 (<https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/bills/bill/2023/81?tab=documents>)*

*The Extension of Duration provisions are currently being reviewed and it is intended to bring forward amendments during the Bill's passage through the Houses to:*

- ensure that multiple applications to extend the duration of a permission are prohibited; and*
- to limit the term of an extension of duration which can be sought.*

*Any such amendment is subject to the approval of the Oireachtas.*

I have reflected this in the attached updated in the Progress report.

Regards,

Elaine