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Sent via e-mail

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

I am writing following revelations from the Ferret and other media outlets regarding the video of a landlord threatening his tenant with a chair and the fact that his electricity was cut off.

The article in question can be viewed here: [Mark Fortune: Edinburgh landlord filmed allegedly threatening tenant \(theferret.scot\)](#)

The Ferret has identified this individual as Mark Fortune, who has been disallowed from the Landlord's register in 2013, although I understand he has denied this accusation.

I would like to ask you what the Scottish Government aims to do to investigate this incident and ensure that landlords, are not able to use loopholes and other means to abuse their tenants and subject them to unacceptable conditions.

Best wishes,

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