Holyrood to consider Statutory Repairs

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Alex Neil, Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment, yesterday stated that The Scottish Government was open to looking at any recommendations of The City of Edinburgh Council's statutory repairs independent investigation.

Following a parliamentary question from Edinburgh Central MSP Marco Biagi, Alex Neil answered:- "The Scottish Government will take cognisance of any recommendations from the council as a result of the investigation." He also noted that it would be not be appropriate for The Scottish Government to comment while the investigation is going on, but nevertheless, in principle, the Scottish Government would listen to any recommendations.

Marco Biagi MSP said:- "It is absolutely right that following this investigation into the statutory repair system that we consider the framework to ensure any found wrongdoing does not happen again. I welcome the Cabinet Secretary's clear indication that the Government will consider whether it needs to take action after the outcome of the investigation. This is a matter of upmost importance to the people of Edinburgh and I am glad to see both the Government and the Council's independent investigation treating it as such."