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At a meeting with a Scottish professor this morning Margaret and I were told that a very large proportion of Scottish council tenants qualified for rent and rate rebates because the housing is in the name of a pensioner, parent or grandparent, although one or two generations of earners share the accommodation with the pensioner. He says that only the pension is taken into account.

It may be that this practice is widespread and it may be that you know all about it.

The professor was also emphasising the familiar tale of the damage to Glasgow business due to burdening the commercial rates with part of the cost of housing subsidies.

Margaret wanted to be sure that you have these points in mind. *It could be that one or both may apply here.*

I am copying to Michael Alison and to Teddy Taylor and Chris Patten and to Margaret.

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