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## **HOUSE BUILDING INDUSTRY CONCERN AT SCOTTISH WATER FIGURES ON PROPERTY CONNECTIONS**

Homes for Scotland, the organisation representing companies building 95% of all new homes built for sale in Scotland, has expressed its concern at figures published by Scottish Water that more than 5000 properties were connected in the first three months of this financial year.

Whilst Homes for Scotland has welcomed the commitment of Ministers to remove the constraints imposed on new development by years of underinvestment in the country's water infrastructure, Executive Director Bruce Black said:

"In 2005 some 24,000 new homes were built, and the figure was even higher in 2004. So we are disappointed to find only 5000 new properties (which will include non-residential buildings) connected in the first quarter of the year. We welcome the commitment of Scottish Water to recover from the problems of recent years but these figures show that they have a considerable way to go."

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**Notes to editors:**

Homes for Scotland ([www.homesforscotland.com](http://www.homesforscotland.com)) is the representative membership body for the home building and residential development industry in Scotland. Its member companies provide 95% of all new homes in Scotland. The largest user of the planning system in Scotland, the industry is also the largest source of private investment in the Scottish economy contributing around £5 billion and employing more than 110,000 people.