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Dear *Sandy*

Thank you once again for the opportunity to give evidence to the Communities and Culture Committee's Inquiry into the Private Rented Sector on 13th January.

During the Committee session, Joyce Watson AM asked me about the use of the Housing Health and Safety Rating System. I said I would raise it with the Welsh Local Government Association and with Cabinet Members for Housing, which I have done.

Local authorities expressed concern about the possibility that statutory duties are not being discharged and asked for more information in order to consider the matter. I know that the point was raised as a result of written evidence submitted for your inquiry; for example, from National Energy Action Cymru and the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health Cymru, and I am arranging for that evidence to be made available to the Welsh Local Government Association. However, it would be helpful to know if any more information is available on this subject, particularly any specific local examples where the system has not been used.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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