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FUEL POVERTY ADVISORY GROUP

At the Communities, Equality, and Local Government Committee meeting on 23 May 2013 Mark Isherwood asked the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty if he would respond to a call in National Energy Action's (NEA) Fuel Poverty Monitor to reinstate the fuel poverty advisory group for Wales. The Minister advised that he would look at this issue and update members. Responsibility for fuel poverty sits within my portfolio as the Minister for Natural Resources and Food so I am replying to Mark Isherwood's question. I have copied my letter to the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty.

The decision to dissolve the former Ministerial Advisory Group on Fuel Poverty in Wales (MAGFP) was made by the former Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development. His decision was based on a number of factors including the output of MAGFP and its predecessor Fuel Poverty Advisory Group, and the Welsh Government's commitment to ensuring that fuel poverty is embedded in the Tackling Poverty Action Plan and the work of the Tackling Poverty External Advisory Group (TPEAG).

I would like to seek the views of stakeholders on the need for a new advisory group on fuel poverty, particularly given that the TPEAG, the Fuel Poverty Coalition and the Nest Stakeholder Group have all been established since the original fuel poverty advisory group was set up. I am conscious that many of the Third Sector organisations that would sit on an advisory group are already represented on one or more of the existing groups. It is important, therefore, that we establish a clear need for a new group and that the group's

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remit would not duplicate any of the work being taken forward by existing groups or place an additional burden on our colleagues working in the third sector.

Peter Davies, Commissioner for Sustainable Futures, has offered to meet with NEA and other interested parties to discuss the call for a new advisory group and to look at how fuel poverty could be best represented within the TPEAG. My officials have been in discussion with Mr Davies and will support him in taking forward this meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yours ever Alun". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name "Alun".

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cc Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty