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Health and Social Care Committee**

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Lesley Griffiths AM
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Dear Lesley,

Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 18 June 2012 in response to our request for information on the provisions of the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Bill to make subordinate legislation. The detailed policy statement, outlining your proposals for the content of regulations, enclosed with the letter has been helpful to the Committee's consideration of the Bill. It is also helpful that you were able to confirm, at the Committee's meeting held on 20 June 2012, that you will make available the results of consultation on the draft regulations to the Committee on completion of Stage 2 and before the start of Stage 3.

You will be aware from the meeting held on 20 June 2012 that the Committee is concerned to establish greater clarity about the scope of the Bill and specifically those who will be subject to the provisions of the Bill and those who will not.

The Committee understands that pursuant to Regulations EC 852/2004 and 178/2002, businesses whether for profit or not who carry out any activities related to any stage of production, processing and distribution of food will be required to be registered with the appropriate food authority and thus be subject to the provisions of the Bill where the activities they are involved with take place on a regular basis, and with some degree of organisation. This could for example include a weekly luncheon club but would not include a small scale occasional cake sale.

In response to questions asked by the Committee, you indicated that voluntary groups who depend on coffee mornings and lunches as a large part of their activities would be subject to existing food hygiene standards, but would not be required to display a food hygiene rating sticker. Furthermore, your Official indicated that the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme

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would apply to registered businesses and that the size of business would determine whether it is registered or not.

The Committee would be grateful for further clarification as to whether the reason those involved in the organisation of cake sales, lunch events and similar events will not be required to display a food hygiene sticker is because they will not be required to register under Article 6 of Regulation (EC) no 852/2004, or because it is intended that those operations who will require registration, such as the weekly luncheon club, regular organised church cake sale, will be exempted in regulations made under Section 3 (5) of the Bill.

I would be grateful if you could give consideration to this request and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Mark Drakeford AM
Chair