

Jane Hutt MS
Minister for Social Justice

October 28th 2022

Dear Jane,

**The Equality and Social Justice Committee Report on Fuel Poverty and the Warm Homes Programme –request
for further information**

Following the debate on the Committee's report on Fuel Poverty and the Warm Homes Programme on 21 September, we would be grateful for further clarification on:

When the Welsh Government will be in a position to share the outcome of its review of the winter fuel support scheme?

Your response suggested that the next iteration of the Warm Homes Programme will be published this autumn. Please could you indicate the likely date for publication? Can you commit to writing to us to highlight the ways in which the Committee's specific points have been addressed when available?

Recommendation 18, are you able to confirm the publication date of the Net Zero Skills Plan?

Recommendation 22, please can you update us on UK Government proposals to increase the Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards to Energy Performance Certificate C for all rented properties by 2028? If the UK Government does not act, will you commit to implementing higher minimum energy efficiency standards in Wales only?

Recommendation 21, can the Welsh Government explain what steps are being taken to ensure that challenges specific to rural communities are addressed in the next phase of the Warm Homes programme?



Many thanks for your engagement with the Committee's work to date. I look forward to receiving a response by 25 November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Jenny Rathbone" in a cursive, flowing script.

Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee
Welsh Parliament

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.