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Dear Llyr,

During Stage 2 proceedings, I committed to provide information on support for residents with non-compliant appliances in smoke control areas. This letter provides this information.

In smoke control areas, there is no automatic requirement for households to upgrade their appliance, so people will be able to comply with the smoke control legislation without needing an expensive upgrade. However, there are limitations on what types of solid fuels they can use in these older appliances. There are also options available to local authorities when creating and enforcing a smoke control area. They can choose to make exclusions when creating a smoke control order, such as a type of fireplace or building. I will make clear in guidance that before issuing any fines, I expect local authorities to offer advice and support to help households to comply with smoke control legislation.

There is support available to those who need it the most. The draft [Heat Strategy for Wales](#), which is currently open for consultation, aims to support homeowners with advice and support for the transition to low carbon heat. The new iteration of the Warm Homes Programme will continue to fund measures to support eligible households. Other funding to support the cost of replacing fossil fuel heating systems is available to households in England and Wales via the [Boiler Upgrade Scheme](#).

Please note this letter has been copied to the Chairs of the Finance Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely

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