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Dear Carl,

Thank you for attending our meeting on 21 September to discuss your remit and early priorities for the Fifth Assembly. During the session, you agreed to write to us:

- on the outcome of your planned future discussion with the UK Government Minister with responsibility for Syrian refugees on the role of the Welsh Government in the resettlement of refugees, in particular unaccompanied children, and
- with details of timings for the proposed introduction by the UK Government of a British Bill of Rights as soon as they become available, and of how the Welsh Government intends to influence the development of such a Bill.

Following on from the evidence session, the Committee would also like:

- clarification on whether you are considering any changes to the time period within which private landlords must register and obtain a licence,
- details of support available for new landlords to ensure they comply with their statutory obligations under Part 1 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014,
- further details on the Welsh Government's plans to address any issues that may arise from a decision by the Office for National Statistics to reclassify Welsh Registered Social Landlords as public sector bodies; any contingency plans to legislate if necessary, and the timescale within which legislation could be brought forward and
- your response to the concerns raised about sustainability of specialist services in the violence against women and domestic abuse sector.

Finally, during discussion, you referred to a planned review of Building Regulations, Part L (Conservation of fuel and power), which would be undertaken by Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs. We would welcome further details and periodic progress updates on the review given the potential implications of changes to Part L on the delivery and standard of new homes.



The Committee also recognised the close links between the Cabinet portfolios, to this end, we request you inform the Committee of the structures and arrangements in place which will enable close cross-working between Members of the Welsh Government.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John', with a stylized flourish above the 'h'.

John Griffiths AC / AM  
Cadeirydd / Chair

