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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 20 January regarding Petition P-05-1129 which calls for the Law Commission's proposals for leasehold reform to be enacted in Wales now.

I have previously welcomed [the reports of the Law Commission on leasehold reform in England and Wales](#) as a significant step towards much needed reform and am currently considering how best to take their proposals forward. However, together with the reports of the Law Commission, and the evidence of the [report from the Task and Finish group on leasehold reform](#), I am also awaiting the publication of research into the experience of leasehold in Wales which I anticipate will be published shortly. Once I have the benefit of all of the evidence, I will set out my intentions for making leasehold fairer in Wales.

However, whilst I appreciate the concerns about the petition's call for these reforms to happen immediately, as you know, the current Welsh Parliamentary term will end soon ahead of the upcoming election, and it is not possible under the current legislative programme for such legislation to be brought forward and implemented during the remaining time of this term. Whilst I anticipate setting out my intentions for leasehold reform soon, it will be a matter for the next administration, following the Senedd elections in May, to set out their own legislative agenda, and it would not be appropriate for me to pre-empt that at this stage.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I remain committed to taking forward the Law Commission's recommendations and a number of other areas of leasehold reform. The First Minister also made clear our intention to drive forward leasehold and commonhold reform in his [statement on the legislative programme on 16 July](#) , including those requiring legislative measures where necessary.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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