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Dear Julie

Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) and Supplementary LCM on the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill

You will be aware that the LCM and SLCM(2) on the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill have been remitted to our Committee for scrutiny; we considered these at our meeting on 27 October.

We note that the SLCM states:

“there are relatively few properties in Wales which are owned and/or managed by an English RP, who will be subject to the changes in regulatory environment described by the Bill.”

It would assist our consideration of the LCM and SLCM if you could provide further details on the number of properties in Wales which fall into this category and, if possible, their location. We would be grateful for a response by 10 November to enable us to give further consideration to this at our meeting the following week.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely



John Griffiths MS

Chair, Local Government and Housing Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Dear John,

Thank you for your letter of 31 October in relation to the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM), and supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Social Housing (Regulation) Bill ("the Bill").

The latest data from the Social Housing Regulator in England confirms there are 18 Registered Providers who own and manage approximately 530 homes/units in Wales which will be subject to the changes proposed in the Bill. These are, in the main, special needs provision with some general needs and shared ownership. The Social Housing Regulator advises it does not hold information on the locations of the homes/units.

By way of additional information, which the Committee may find useful, the 2021 Financial Statements of Welsh Housing Associations confirms that Welsh Registered Social Landlords own and manage 169,337 homes in Wales. Additionally, two Welsh RSLs own/manage approximately 116 bedspaces/homes (as at Dec 2021) in England, again these are primarily specialist provision such as supported housing.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS.

Yours sincerely

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