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Jenny Rathbone MS  
Chair  
Equality and Social Justice Committee  
Welsh Parliament

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Dear Jenny,

Thank you for your letter of 31 March, seeking clarification on the Warm Homes Programme and our efforts to tackle fuel poverty.

I expect to procure a new, demand led scheme which tackles both the climate emergency and fuel poverty before the end of the calendar year. This will enable the new scheme to be awarded late autumn and mobilised over the winter with delivery expected to be achievable from late winter. I have further extended the current Nest contract to the end of March 2024 to ensure there will be no gap in provision between the new and existing programmes.

My officials have provided me with a suite of documents including a policy statement, which will inform the detailed design of the programme. I expect to publish these soon and that the policy statement will provide more clarity.

On the matter of regulations, I expect to lay amended legislation for the Senedd's consideration this summer.

Finally, the fuel poverty action plan actions largely remain extant, and my intent is to take the opportunity to cohere fuel poverty action with broader actions to tackle poverty across Welsh Government. A revised child poverty strategy is due in the autumn.

Yours sincerely,

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