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Eich cyf/Your ref P-03-303  
Ein cyf/Our ref LA/00878/11

Naomi Stocks  
Clerk  
Petitions Committee

10 June 2011

*Dear Naomi,*

**P-03-303 Against Homophobic Bullying**

Further to Rhian Atkinson's letter of 18 April, I wish to reply substantively to the points raised by the Petitions Committee, set out in your letter to me of 5 April.

The set of new anti-bullying guidance being developed by the Welsh Government will include stand-alone guidance on homophobic bullying, and reflects our commitment to tackling the relatively high incidence of homophobic bullying reported to the Welsh Government by children and young people in 2009.

I expect the new guidance to be published on the Welsh Government's website this summer, and in time for the beginning of the autumn term.

*Yours sincerely*



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