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Chair Finance Committee  
Senedd Cymru  
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Dear Peredur,

### **Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill**

Thank you once again for your consideration of the Visitor Accommodation (Register and Levy) Etc. (Wales) Bill during Stage 2 on 15 May.

There were a few minor inaccuracies in the [transcript](#) which have now been corrected. However, at paragraph 17, in relation to how the penalty scheme works, I think it would be beneficial to provide additional clarity. I have suggested an amendment to the transcript be made as set out below. The Clerk has added a footnote to the transcript to this effect, however, I would also like to bring this directly to the attention of the Committee:

*To provide some clarity on the penalty scheme as set out in this paragraph, it is not the failure to pay the relevant penalty which causes the penalty to escalate, rather, it is the continuing failure to comply with the relevant obligation. In this amendment, the relevant obligation is to register, however the same penalty scheme applies to the failure to notify the WRA of changes to or inaccuracies in the registration entry (see paragraph 20), the failure to comply with an information notice (see paragraph 23) and the failure to remove a provider's registration entry (see paragraph 25).*

*A more accurate summary of the scheme would be to say that the initial penalty would be £100. The person would then have up to 30 days to comply with their obligation to register, and, if they do so, that concludes the penalty process. If, at the end of the 30 days, they still have not registered, then, for the next 30 days, the penalty increases by £10 for every day. So, at a 60-day horizon, the penalties would amount to £400. If the person still has not complied with their obligation to register, then, on day 61, an additional £1,000 penalty becomes due. So, at that point, the*

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*total liability would be £1,400. But if a person responds to the original penalty notice by registering within 30 days, the maximum of their liability would be £100.*

I hope this is helpful, diolch yn fawr eto am eich gwaith ar y Bil yma.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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