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Dear Mark,

**Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill –
follow-up to evidence session**

Thank you for attending the final evidence session on the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill. There were a couple of points not reached during the session, to which I would welcome your response:

- The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service has noted that the Bill, in section 9, requires the Visitor Accommodation Provider ("VAP") to have "carried out" a fire safety risk assessment. They suggest that the VAP "should just be responsible for ensuring one is carried out" as the VAP "may not be competent to conduct a risk assessment and may wish to appoint someone who is". Do you agree with this suggestion?
- What is your response to the suggestion from the South Wales Fire and Rescue Service that the wording in section 9 of the Bill "gives the impression that one smoke alarm per floor is sufficient as a minimum"? The South Wales Fire and Rescue Service suggests that "risk should determine the degree of the detection provided" and "the provision of smoke alarms should be informed by a suitable and sufficient the fire risk assessment for the premises".

Given that the Committee has now finished its evidence gathering, I would be grateful if you could respond by midday on Friday 28 November, so that your response can be taken into consideration as we draft our report.



Yours sincerely,

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Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

