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Dear Senedd Members,

Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill – Government Amendments

I am enclosing detail of the Government amendments tabled to the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill, together with an explanation of their purpose and effect.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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HOMELESSNESS AND SOCIAL HOUSING ALLOCATION (WALES) BILL – STAGE 3 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

The information below is designed to explain the purpose and effect of the amendments tabled in the name of Jayne Bryant MS on 23 January 2026 – **please see [Notice of amendments - 23 January 2026.pdf](#)**.

Adt.	Explanation
1	<p>This amendment changes the term used to collectively refer to those who will be subject to the new duty to ask and act (in section 20 of the Bill). The Bill currently uses the term “specified public authority”. This amendment will instead use “specified person”. The purpose of the amendment is to amend the terminology and for consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. This is a technical amendment and there is no substantive change to the operation of the section.</p> <p>See also amendments 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29 and 31</p>
2	<p>This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act.</p> <p>See amendment 1.</p>
3	<p>This amendment makes other changes to the new duty to ask and act in section 20 of the Bill to use the term “individual” when referring to a natural person (rather than “person”) in order to avoid the potential for confusion in light of the changes from “specified public authority” to “specified person”. This is a technical amendment and there is no substantive change to the operation of the section.</p> <p>See also amendments 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24</p>
4	<p>This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act.</p> <p>See amendment 1.</p>
5	<p>This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act.</p> <p>See amendments 1 and 3.</p>
6	<p>This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act.</p> <p>See amendment 1.</p>
7	<p>This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act.</p>

	See amendment 3.
8	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 3.
9	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendments 1 and 3.
10	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.
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19	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.
20	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 3.
21	This amendment clarifies that the duties in Section 20(5)(b) and 20 (5)(c) (which form part of the ask and act duty) of the Bill do not affect the rights of those persons subject to the duty to secure vacant possession.
22	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.
23	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.
24	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 3.
25	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.
26	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1
27	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.
28	This amendment is a technical amendment to ensure consistency in terminology in section 98 (guidance) of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014, where this provision is inserted.
29	This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act. See amendment 1.

30 This amendment is a technical amendment to include the term 'Part' in section 93(3)(a) for consistency.

31 This amendment provides clarity of terminology and consistency with other provisions in the Housing (Wales) 2014 Act.

See amendment 1.
