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Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Welsh Language

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Annwyl Mark,

Response to the Committee's report on the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill

The Committee laid its report on the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill ("the Bill") on 19 December 2025. On 9 January 2026, you provided an interim response to our report, in which you responded to two recommendations that explicitly requested a response from you before the Senedd's debate on the general principles of the Bill. The Committee felt that your response before the debate would be useful to Members to inform their decision on whether to support the general principles of the Bill. We are grateful for your timely response to those recommendations.

However, your response did not address the eight other recommendations in the report that did not request your response before the debate on the general principles of the Bill. Nor did it address any of the eight conclusions in our report.

We note that while you also provided an interim response to the report of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on 12 January 2026, that letter was supplemented by a follow-up response dated 27 January, which addressed the remaining recommendations from that Committee's report.

It is, of course, a matter of long-standing parliamentary convention and of democratic courtesy that the Welsh Government responds in full to reports of Senedd committees.

We look forward to your full response to the Committee's report as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

