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Dear Andrew

Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill – Revised Explanatory Memorandum

I am writing to inform you that I have laid a copy of the revised Explanatory Memorandum to the Development of Tourism and Regulation of Visitor Accommodation (Wales) Bill, ahead of the Stage 3 proceedings on the Bill on 10 March.

A number of revisions have been made to the Explanatory Memorandum in response to Stage 1 Committee recommendations, and to reflect amendments made to the Bill at Stage 2. The main revisions are:

- changes to reflect the replacement at Stage 2 of the 'fire prevention standard' included in the Bill as introduced, with the 'fire safety standard' (paragraphs 3.51, 7.20, & 8.72-8.74);
- an explanation of the 'prevention of nuisance & annoyance' licensing condition added to the Bill at Stage 2 (paragraph 3.57, the 'Benefits' section at page 42, & paragraph 7.23);
- further detail as to which bodies might potentially be responsible for particular licensing authority functions (paragraphs 3.58, 7.6, & 7.17);
- the addition of a reference to the £0.43m of Welsh Government funding for WRA to support discovery work for the licensing system including interaction with the registration system being established under the VARL Act (paragraph 8.15); and
- the inclusion of outcomes from a sensitivity analysis conducted in relation to how the administrative cost of the scheme may vary according to the number of compliance cases which require physical inspection of a premises to be conducted

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(paragraphs 8.52-8.53).

The Explanatory Notes have also been updated to reflect amendments made to the Bill at Stage 2.

Officials have also taken the opportunity to rectify some inconsistencies identified between the Welsh and English versions of the EM laid at introduction. The EM laid at introduction has, of course, been superseded by the new version laid on 4 March.

I hope this information is useful, and I would once again like to thank you and the Committee for your considered scrutiny of the Bill.

I am copying this letter to the Chairs of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, and the Finance Committee, for information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The letters are connected, with "Mark" and "Drakeford" written as one continuous word. The signature is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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