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## Dear William

Thank you for your recent letter concerning correspondence from Cenric Clement-Evans, which refers to a letter from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) in England to the Petitions Committee, in respect of asbestos in schools.

With regard to the HSE comments about the guidance produced in England, Welsh Government published similar guidance in February 2014. This was produced in consultation with HSE Cymru and provides information necessary for school staff to fulfil their responsibilities in line with legislative requirements and policy of the Health and Safety Executive.

In addition, my officials are in contact with their English counterparts and will inform me of the outcome of the recent consultation in England. At that point I will consider findings and decide if any action is appropriate in Wales. While I note the Mr Clement-Evans' comments, I do not intend for my officials to carry out a Welsh Government consultation at present.

Yours sincerely

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