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John Griffiths AM Chair Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee National Assembly for Wales

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Dear John

ABOLITION OF THE RIGHT TO BUY AND ASSOCIATED RIGHTS (WALES) BILL

Further to my attendance at the ELGC Committee on 25 May about the Abolition of the Right to Buy and Associated Rights (Wales) Bill, I am writing to correct a reference I made to the Bill which is recorded in paragraph 154 of the transcript.

In paragraphs 151 to 153 of the transcript, Bethan Jenkins AM asked a question about section 8(3)(a) of the Bill. She asked whether, in the wording in the section (ie "information as it considers to be relevant to them"), the word "them" refers to the landlords or the tenants?

In the meeting, I said that the word "them" refers to "the landlords". However, having considered the matter further, I am writing to inform the Committee that the word "them" in section 8(3)(a) of the Bill refers to "the tenants". The Explanatory Notes to section 8 may be helpful, they provide:

"In turn, qualifying landlords must provide all of their relevant tenants with a copy of the information, or with any of the information they consider to be relevant to their tenants."

I have asked my officials to liaise with the Assembly Commission to ensure that the final version of the transcript includes a footnote to clarify this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gymunedau a Phlant Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children

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