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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 2 May in respect of your discussions at the Petitions Committee meeting on 17 April about what information should be made publically available in relation to asbestos management in schools.

For ease of reference, I will provide two separate updates on the specific information you enquired about.

Asbestos management in schools responses in the school condition survey

My officials are awaiting final assurances from a few outstanding local authorities to confirm
that the information they have provided is current and valid.

However, I am pleased to reconfirm that, thus far, all of the local authorities that have responded have verified that all of the schools in their estates with asbestos present have an asbestos management plan in place.

I am minded to make this high level information available and will make a decision as to the best way to do this once full assurance from all local authorities has been received.

Asbestos Management in Schools Guidance

The revised Asbestos Management in Schools Guidance is still under review by key stakeholders. To ensure feedback and findings from all key stakeholders is considered, my officials have convened a discussion meeting on Monday, 21 May. This is, of course, in addition to any written feedback we may receive from stakeholders.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Once all views have been considered, the revised guidance documents will be published online to replace existing information. This will happen as soon as practically possible after the review period.

Yours sincerely

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