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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 March regarding the increased provision of ladies toilets at public entertainment venues. As Building Regulations falls within my portfolio, I am responding to your letter.

Schedule 1 Approved Document G4 of the Building Regulations provides guidance for the provision of adequate and suitable sanitary conveniences in buildings such as public entertainment venues. The guidance refers to British Standard 6465-1:2006+A1:2009 *Sanitary installations. Code of practice for the design of sanitary facilities and scales of provision of sanitary and associated appliances*. This standard applies to all new public entertainment venues. In setting the appropriate provision of women's toilet facilities, the standard takes into account various factors such as the number, arrival rate and time taken by all potential female users.

Approved Document M (Access to and use of Buildings) of the building regulations makes provision for the additional requirements of sanitary accommodation for ambulant and wheelchair users as a separate requirement to the provision in BS 6465.

We do not currently have any plans to amend the Building Regulations in order to increase the provision of ladies toilets at public entertainment venues. The current British Standard 6465 has been in existence since 2006 and we are not currently aware of any plans to change what is a relatively recent standard.

Best wishes,

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