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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 24 June, requesting an update on the petition received from John Newman in relation to fire sprinklers and third party certification.

As you have mentioned in your correspondence, the previous Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs in the response dated 5 December 2018, stated that a review of the fire safety requirements of the building regulations will form part of a much wider ongoing review.

The content of the review has been taken forward by the Ministerial Building Safety Expert Group, who issued their roadmap to safer buildings in Wales on the 1 April 2019.

In my statement of response to the Building Safety Expert Group's Roadmap on the 21 May, I accepted all the expert group's recommendations in principle. There is a need for a considered and coherent approach and it will take time to get this right.

The Expert Group's Roadmap includes a recommendation for clients to improve their ability to identify competent contractors, developing guidance and sharing best practice in support of this. This will form part of the Design and Construction phase Task and Finish Group looking into changes to the building control process.

Yours sincerely,

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