

John Griffiths AM

Chair, Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Dear John

Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee inquiry into fuel poverty

The Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee ('the Committee') is undertaking an inquiry into fuel poverty. Given that this policy area is also relevant to the remit of your committee, I thought it would be helpful to inform you of our plans.

The terms of reference for the inquiry are as follows:

- the scale and impacts of fuel poverty in Wales;
- why the Welsh Government failed to meet its statutory target of eradicating fuel poverty in Wales by 2018;
- how Welsh Government action to date has helped to combat fuel poverty, in particular, the impact of the Warm Homes Programme (including Nest and Arbed) and the Welsh Housing Quality Standard;
- how the Welsh Government's successor to the fuel poverty strategy (due for consultation in Autumn 2019) should differ from its 2010 strategy;
- what steps the Welsh Government should take to ensure that new-build homes, as well as existing homes, are highly energy efficient to prevent them causing fuel poverty in the future.

The Committee will be holding a number of evidence sessions early in the spring term. This will include a session with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, and the Minister for Housing and Local Government, on 13 February 2020.

I will, of course, ensure that our report is sent to you as soon as it is available.

In the meantime, if you would like any further details about the inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges AM
Chair of Climate Change, Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

