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Renting Homes (Wales) Bill

At the recent meeting of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, I offered to send the Committee a note on the definition of key workers under paragraph 15 of Schedule 3 to the Bill.

Schedule 3 to the Bill sets outs the circumstances where community landlords may choose to issue a standard contract, instead of the default requirement to issue a secure contract which would usually apply. Paragraph 15 of that Schedule enables accommodation which is being provided for purposes other than social housing, to be provided under a standard contract, where that accommodation is provided to a key worker. It provides for regulations to be made by the Welsh Ministers which define what constitutes a 'key worker'.

For example, a social worker could be defined as a 'key worker' and so be housed by the employing Local Authority under a standard contract, instead of needing to be given a secure contract. The regulations will not refer to private landlords because there is no need to exempt private landlords from issuing a secure contract as the standard contract is the default contract issued by private landlords under the Bill.

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