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Dear Christine

Thank you for your letter of 14 May, regarding the consultation on a private rented sector Code of Practice for landlords and agents.

The formal consultation on the Code ends on 22 May. In order for the Code to come into force to coincide with the start of the opening of the registration and licensing, the very latest date I can lay the Code before the Assembly is 8 July. Although this is actually 11 weeks before the Code is due to be debated in Senedd, it is within the required 20 working days for scrutiny by Assembly Members.

The finalised Code will require translation before being laid, so I aim to have the final version ready for translation before the end of June.

I am confident this version of the Code reflects both the statutory requirements already in law, and the best practices all landlords and agents should aim to aspire to. It has been formulated with input from stakeholder groups, and suggestions at Committee scrutiny stages from well before the Housing (Wales) Bill became an Act. My officials also held a shorter pre-consultation with the main landlord, agent and tenant organisations just prior to this formal consultation, and amendments and additions were also made at this stage.

Regards
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