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Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

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Dear Carl,

Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act 2015

I very much appreciated the time you and your official afforded to my Committee on 19 October. There were a number of specific points you indicated that you would respond to in a note to the Committee following your evidence. I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with the following information:

- Detail on the legal consequences of not publishing the national strategy on time;
- What is the legal status of the Delivery Plan and how will objectives/or requirements be enforced?
- What sanctions are provided for under the Act, or are available to the Cabinet Secretary, if Local Authorities fail to adhere to any requirements under the Act?
- The number of schools currently using the Good Practice Guide on Healthy Relationships and when local authorities will start reporting on the Act;
- The contractual arrangements of the National Adviser. This related to resources and contracted days per week;
- The number of FGM cases identified in Wales and any further information on specialist services currently provided.

The Committee will be considering key issues emerging from its inquiry in early November with a view to preparing a report soon after. As such, I would welcome a response as soon as possible and by Friday 12 November at the latest.

Kind regards



John Griffiths AC / AM
Cadeirydd / Chair

