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Proposed Domestic Fire Safety LCO  
Committee

Bae Caerdydd / Cardiff Bay  
Caerdydd / Cardiff CF99 1NA

19 March 2008

Dear Colleague

### Public Consultation - Proposed Domestic Fire Safety LCO Committee

The Proposed Domestic Fire Safety LCO Committee was established on 26 February 2008 to consider and report on the proposed *National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (No. 7) Order 2008*, relating to fire sprinkler systems in new residential premises.

The Committee has agreed the scope of its scrutiny as follows:

- To decide whether the general principles of the proposed Order, i.e. that legislative competence, as specified in 'Matter 11.1', should be conferred on the Assembly; and
- To decide whether the proposed Order provides an appropriate framework for the delivery of the policy proposals on domestic fire safety. In particular, whether the terms of the proposed Order are too broadly or too narrowly defined.

I am writing to invite you to submit evidence to the Committee.

In particular, the Committee would like to receive evidence on the following questions:

1. What are your views on the general principle that legislative competence in the area identified in Matter 11.1 be conferred on the Assembly?
2. What are your views on the terms of the proposed Order? For example, are they too narrowly or too broadly drawn? Will they allow for the future implementation of the policy proposals as outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum?
3. Is it necessary to set out the meaning of 'new residential premises' and 'sprinkler system' in the proposed Order? If so, are the interpretation provisions appropriate, or should there be any changes to the way they are drafted? If so, how and why?

The purpose of the Committee's work is to scrutinise the drafting of the proposed Order. It is not within the remit of the Committee to consider the way in which powers, if conferred, should be exercised and, as such, the Committee will avoid engaging in detailed discussions on possible future proposed Measures.

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A copy of the proposed Order and its accompanying Explanatory Memorandum, along with details of the Committee, can be found at:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-legislative-competence-orders/bus-legislation-lco-2008-7.htm>

If you wish to contribute to the committee's work, submissions should be sent, preferably by email or on disc, or otherwise in hard copy to:

Deputy Committee Clerk, Proposed Domestic Fire Safety LCO Committee, Legislation Office, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Email: [legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:legislationoffice@wales.gsi.gov.uk). (Please entitle the email '*Consultation Domestic Fire Safety LCO Committee*'.)

Submissions should arrive in the Assembly by 25 April 2008. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

When putting together your submission, please keep the following in mind:

- Your response should be as succinct as possible. Please reference your response using the title applied above;
- The National Assembly normally makes responses to public consultation available for public scrutiny and they may also be seen and discussed at Committee meetings. **If you do not want your response or name published, it is important that you clearly specify this in your submission;**
- Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of an organisation, or as an individual;
- Please indicate whether or not you would be prepared to give oral evidence to the Committee.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English and Welsh and will consider responses to the written consultation during the summer term.

If you are interested in being contacted as part of any future consultation in this area, please indicate this in your response.

If you have any queries, please contact the Clerk, Sarah Beasley (029 2089 8032) or the Deputy Clerk, Lewis McNaughton (029 2089 1990).



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