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Dear Adam

Thank you for you Written Assembly Question: *Further to WAQ79139, will the Minister confirm that the Welsh Government is the regulator of Welsh housing associations?*

I can confirm that the Welsh Ministers have general functions, under section 75 of the Housing Associations Act 1985 (as amended), such as to facilitate the proper performance of the functions of RSLs. The Welsh Ministers are required to exercise these general functions subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the 1985 Act and Part 1 of the Housing Act 1996.

The Welsh Ministers have powers under the Housing Act 1996 to regulate RSLs in Wales in relation to the provision of housing and matters relating to governance and financial management. Under the Housing Act 1996, the Welsh Ministers have established performance standards to be complied with by RSLs in discharge of their functions.

In line with the 'Carltona principle', regulation of RSLs, is undertaken by Welsh Government officials for and on behalf of the Welsh Ministers and the actions of the Welsh Government officials are treated as the actions of the Welsh Ministers.

Yours sincerely

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