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Dear Mabon,

Following my oral statement on 1 October, I agreed to write to you in response to your question about the prioritisation of housing applications and consideration of housing circumstances in the needs assessments of unpaid carers. I have set out my response below which I hope will be helpful to you.

The [Poverty and financial hardship of unpaid carers in Wales report](#) confirmed that unpaid carers in Wales are at risk of poverty in Wales and can experience challenges relating to housing affordability and homelessness.

The Welsh Government Programme for Government makes a commitment to reform housing law and fundamentally reform homelessness services to focus on prevention and rapid rehousing. The [White Paper on ending homelessness in Wales](#) published in October 2023, set out a range of proposals for changes to policy and the law with the goal of ending homelessness in Wales. The White Paper was developed with an independent Expert Review Panel and shaped by over 350 people with lived experience of homelessness.

I am grateful to you for highlighting the particular challenges that unpaid carers can experience around homelessness. While this was not an area of specific focus in the White Paper or in the consultation responses, I am acutely aware of the challenges unpaid carers face and the important role they play in supporting the independence and wellbeing of others. Our proposed legislative reform will create a more inclusive, trauma-informed and person-centred homelessness system, intended to take account of the needs of each individual applicant and their specific circumstances.

Our proposals around personal housing plans and suitability, in particular, will enable improved prevention and longer term support for all applicants, including unpaid carers.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am looking forward to bringing forward the homelessness legislation before the end of this term and welcome further engagement with you as we take the legislation through the Senedd.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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