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Dear Paul,

I regret that I was unable to provide substantive answers to two written questions you tabled on 17 May. My answers are as follows.

How is the Welsh Government ensuring the sustainability of rural fire and rescue stations? (WQ92911)

This sustainability of rural fire and rescue stations is a complex and long-term problem which extends well beyond Wales, and which calls for creative thinking and possibly difficult choices. I will therefore be chairing a special meeting of our Social Partnership Forum for Fire and Rescue Services next month to discuss possible solutions.

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the progress made from the thematic review of operational training within the Welsh Fire and Rescue Services report from October 2022? (WQ92912)

The Chief Fire and Rescue Advisor's (CFRA) recommendations in the Welsh Fire and Rescue Services report from October 2022 aim to ensure firefighters receive high-quality training to operate safely and to protect people, property and the environment. All Services are in the process of implementing those recommendations.

Yours sincerely

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