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17 August 2023

Dear Mark,

I wrote to you on 31 July 2023 to provide you with more written detail on some of the topics we discussed at the oral evidence session on 21 June 2023.

SFA Properties and Gas Certification

You asked for the total SFA properties with out-of-date gas safety certificates by period of expiration. In my July letter I gave you figures as I had been briefed. Sadly, it has become clear that the information that the contractors changed the way they provided their information to the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) post the end of the surge phase (1 July 2023).

Where I previously informed you there were 125 occupied homes without a valid Landlord Gas Safety Inspection (LGSI) certificate as of 17 July, this was, in fact, 330. The discrepancy has arisen because, post 1 July 2023, the contractors began to only report on LGSIs that became overdue before that date, when the surge approach to clear the backlog ended, and did not include those properties that became due from that date when they reverted to Business-as-Usual (BaU) processes. To correct this error, please find below, an amended table to the one you have previously received:

Expired LGSI as at 17 July 23			
Time Line	Amount reported on 31 July as at 17 July	Actual amount on 17 July 23	ACTUAL TOTAL
Expired - 1 Month	28	181	330
Expired - 3 Months	26	67	
Expired - 6 Months	71	53	
Expired - 12 Months	0	29	

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The DIO have now reconfirmed the reporting requirement to the MOD, which is to include all overdue LGSIs irrespective of date, and I have regained my confidence in the figures being provided to me. We know that we still have work to do to ensure the sub-contractors improve both the quality of service they provide to our service families, but also the quality of the information they share with the MOD.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Cartlidge', written in a cursive style.

JAMES CARTLIDGE MP