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Dear Samuel,

Thank you for your Written Question of 19 April asking me to commit to an independent review of Natural Resources Wales' (NRW) proposed charges ahead of any Ministerial decision? (WQ88001).

As you may be aware, NRW have completed a formal consultation process on its charging proposals for 2023-24 and the outcome of that consultation has been published on their [website](#).

This consultation covered NRW's proposals to both its permitting / application charges (which relates to the Strategic Review of Charging (SRoC) Programme), and inflationary increases, which are in line with the Consumer Price Index, to eight of its subsistence regimes.

Following NRW's consultation, I have considered and approved NRW's proposals for inflationary increases to its subsistence regimes which were implemented on 1 April 2023.

In terms of NRW's proposed charges for permitting / applications, final checks are being completed, which will inform advice to me prior to any final decisions being made.

Yours sincerely,

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