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Dear William

I am responding to the queries raised during the Plenary Debate on RSA and AIG on 16 June, regarding the LG building and recovery of RSA from LG.

The value attached to the buildings in terms of the settlement was based on them being returned in a condition suitable for future light/medium industrial or warehousing use. Both the Assembly Government and the company are working towards this objective.

I can confirm that specialised plant and equipment is being removed to allow greater flexibility in the re-occupation of the property for more general uses. The work is being carried out in accordance with Health and Safety requirements and remediation of the units is ongoing.

Under the terms of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994, it is the responsibility of LGEW to employ a Planning Supervisor to oversee compliance with the regulations. Before the stripping out started LGEW appointed an independent contractor to undertake this role. Health and Safety issues during the stripping out remain the responsibility of the company. The company has a full time Health and Safety Officer on site and all employees and visitors are required to undertake a full H&S induction before going on site.

Because of the large scale of investment demanded by the original LG project, it was not possible to accommodate the full expenditure within programmed RSA budgets. In order to respond to the potential economic opportunities, the shortfall was met by managing a range of budgets across the Welsh Office. It is therefore right that the £15 million is returned to central budgets where it will be used to support Assembly



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