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Dear *Janet*

Rhodri Morgan has asked me to write to you as a follow-up to his answer to your supplementary question (OAQ1624(FM) in plenary on 13 June regarding mobile phone masts.

You referred to your earlier Motion under Standing Order 31.2 and, in relation to what I said during the course of the debate, asked Rhodri "What reaction has there been from mobile phone operators to the proposals that you have been putting forward -----".

To recap', I:

- pointed to the need to review the Assembly's 'Code of Best Practice on Mobile Phone Network Development'; and
- suggested that the Assembly's Environment, Planning and Countryside (EPC) Committee might review planning policy for telecommunications

EPC Committee are considering such a review and, as an initial step, have invited representatives of the Mobile Operators Association (which represents the UK mobile phone network operators) and the Welsh Local Government Association to attend their meeting on 28 June to discuss the planning aspects of electronic communications apparatus.

I will need to see how matters progress at EPC Committee and, when reviewing planning policy, will need to take account of any recommendations which may emerge from their deliberations.

Yours Sincerely

Carwyn Jones AM