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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders MS

Thank you for your tabled written question of 1 October regarding discussions the Welsh Government has undertaken with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to review duty rotas ahead of the winter period, given concerns outlined in the 2020 flood response review.

I have regular meetings with NRW who have been taking forward recommendations from their own review into the 2020 flooding.

Staffing and operational response remain matters for NRW to manage, however I can provide the following update.

NRW has increased the number of staff involved in incident response duties, with an additional 200 officials being made available on a rota basis, bringing the number up to approximately 650 staff. These additional staff are receiving training and support to understand the use of systems for incident response.

The NRW review, published in October 2020, identified a number of actions and processes for improvement, which are being progressed to further bolster their preparedness.

Yours sincerely

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