

**Y Pwyllgor Deisebau
Petitions Committee**

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Wales



Bae Caerdydd / Cardiff Bay
Caerdydd / Cardiff CF99 1NA

Our ref: P-04-480

19 December 2013

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Petitions Committee is currently considering a petition on student housing standards which was submitted by Aberystwyth Student's Union. As well as writing to a range of organisations to get their views, we want to hear the views of students.

We want to hear from you about your experiences about renting accommodation in the private sector. Aberystwyth Student's Union have published a [report](#) which outlines the problems they have seen in Aberystwyth.

We are particularly interested in hearing about the following issues:

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E-bost / Email: petition@wales.gov.uk

- Have you had to pay summer rent, and then not been able to stay in your property? If so, did you talk to your landlord to rectify the situation?
- Have you had to pay administration fees? If so, how much have you had to pay, and do you think this level of fee was fair?
- What, if any, problems have you had with your accommodation? How easy was to get these problems fixed?
- What improvements do you think should be made to improve the standards of student accommodation?

If you would like to submit evidence, we would be grateful to receive it by **28 February 2014**. Please send an electronic copy of your submission to petition@wales.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk, Petitions Committee, National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Responding to the consultation request

The Committee welcomes responses from both individuals and organisations. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The Committee welcomes contributions in English or Welsh and will consider responses to the inquiry before deciding whether to hold oral evidence sessions in the Spring term.

Submissions should arrive by **28 February 2014**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date.

For your information, the Committee has invited submissions from those on the attached distribution list. We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that are not included on this list, but might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the National Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

It is normal practice for the National Assembly to publish evidence provided to a Committee. Consequently your response may appear in a report or in supplementary evidence to a report. The National Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data.

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If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published and to provide a reasoned argument to support this. The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Powell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'W' and 'P'.

William Powell AM
Chair, Petitions Committee