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Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management

Dear Lesley,

Thank you for your response to the Public Accounts Committee report on Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management in Wales. Having considered your response the Committee would welcome further clarification on your response to the following issues:

Recommendation 6: In your acceptance of this recommendation, you set out that the 2018 National Strategy will set out a policy position on how SMPs are to be considered and implemented by Risk Management Authorities. However, our recommendation calls for a policy position which sets out a range of options for managed realignment, and there does not appear to be an explicit recognition of this within your response. Therefore, the Committee would welcome clarification on your intention regarding a policy position for managed realignment.

Recommendation 9: In your response to the recommendation requesting you set out a medium/long term plan for funding projects, you make reference to a mid-programme review to be complete in March 2020 on the progress of Coastal Risk Management Programme (CRMP) as a funding mechanism and the requirement for medium and long term funding of coastal work. The Committee would welcome further information on what this review will be covering and aiming to achieve.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

