Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP
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Dear Elizabeth,

Flood Re

On 15 April last year, I wrote to your predecessor to ask whether all leasehold properties, and not just those in smaller freehold properties, should be included within the scope of Flood Re.

In his reply, on 30 April, the rt Hon. Owen Paterson MP said that while there had been some anecdotal evidence of concern about the affordability of insurance for leaseholders, there did not appear to be a systemic issue in this respect which required government action. He added, however, that he and the Association of British Insurers would monitor the situation and work with the industry and with representative organisations should systemic problems emerge.

May I request an update on what monitoring has occurred, what, if any, further evidence has emerged, and what, if any, action has resulted?

Yours ever,

Miss Anne McIntosh
Chair of the Committee