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Dear *Manuela*

Thank you for your letter of 27 May regarding furniture poverty and the impact this can have on vulnerable people. I have been asked to reply.

I am glad you had a productive meeting with End Furniture Poverty and welcome the insights you have shared with the Department. We are continuing work to improve housing quality and understand how best to support vulnerable and low-income households, and we value the contribution that organisations such as End Furniture Poverty make to this discussion.

The Government recognises the impact that access to furniture and other essential items can have, particularly to vulnerable people in circumstances such as those you mention in your letter. Nobody should have to live without the basic furniture that most of us take for granted. From April 2026, the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), which replaced the Household Support Fund, provides support for people who are vulnerable or unable to afford essentials, which may include essential household items such as furniture.

As a first priority, we are currently working closely with End Furniture Poverty to develop good practice guidance for social housing providers on the provision of floor coverings, which are sadly missing in too many social homes. As you note, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has also committed to publishing guidance on furniture provision for social landlords, and whilst the Secretary of State unfortunately is unable to meet, the Housing Minister, Matthew Pennycook, will hold a roundtable to discuss these issues in the near future.

I am unable to give a timeline for publication of guidance at the moment, but I hope this letter provides some reassurance about the importance we place on this issue.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours ever,

BARONESS TAYLOR OF STEVENAGE

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