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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 October 2025

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for your letter and for meeting with me this evening.

The public rightly expects the highest standards of conduct from the politicians who serve them. The Ministerial Code sets out these values and I have made it a core tenet of this Government's mission to uphold them.

I have this evening consulted with my Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards. He has advised me that in relation to your inadvertent failure to secure the appropriate licence for your rental property - and in light of your prompt action to rectify the position, including your apology - further investigation is not necessary. The Ministerial Code makes clear that in certain circumstances, an apology is a sufficient resolution. It is important that all Ministers are able to acknowledge where they consider themselves to have fallen below the standards expected of them. I am satisfied that this matter can be drawn to a close following your apology.

It is regrettable that the appropriate licence was not sought sooner and it is right that you have taken the appropriate steps today to address this. It is clear to me that you are treating this matter with the urgency and seriousness it deserves.

Yours etc,

Keir

The Right Honourable Rachel Reeves MP