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Wen Tan

Thank you for your letter about the role of Fire and Rescue Services in the response to flooding. I'm sorry that it has taken me some time to respond.

I share your surprise that Fire and Rescue Services have no statutory duty regarding flooding, as they are an incredibly valuable resource in responding to extreme weather. I have therefore written to Brandon Lewis MP, the minister responsible for Fire and Rescue Services, raising this point and asking him to clarify the Government's position on this matter. When I have received a response from the minister I will be sure to send you a copy.



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