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Registered social landlord – powers

I am writing in response to your email dated 01 October in which you requested information regarding powers relating to registered social landlords (RSLs).

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your question below and set out our corresponding response:

Would you be able to tell me whether these powers, that you possess in relation to RSLs, have ever been exercised?

Yes, powers have been exercised in relation to RSL inspections. This work ended in 2008 and the '[Lessons from Inspection Housing Association 2005-2008](#)' was published in 2009. All our published national reports are on our website (or accessible via historic web-search archives). A report which may be relevant to your query on RSLs is: [Progress in delivering the Welsh Quality Housing Standard](#) 2012.

Details of an inquiry on regulatory oversight of housing associations undertaken by the Senedd Public Accounts Committee in 2017 can be found here: <https://business.senedd.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=16191> .

We have also covered RSLs to some extent in work undertaken under different powers and various AGW local government study reports have commented on the role of RSLs. These can be found on our website, and recent examples include:

[Welfare Reform](#) (2015)

[Homelessness](#) (2018)

[Adaptations](#) (2018)

[People sleeping rough](#) (2020)

I hope this is useful, if you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
Information Officer