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Thank you for your letter of 25 May, inviting me to attend the All-Party Parliamentary Fire Safety and Rescue Group's seminar – Fire Safety Policy in a New Parliament – on Monday 7 June, in the Palace of Westminster.

I regret that on this occasion I am unable to accept your invitation to attend, but I would very much welcome a further opportunity to meet the Group in due course.

I am grateful to you for extending your invitation to an official from my Department, and I can confirm that Mike Larking from the Fire Safety Policy Team will be pleased to attend to hear what promises to be an interesting and wide ranging discussion.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success with the event

BOB NEILL MP