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Dear Mick

Thank you for your letter of 23rd October about the consultation on the Basic Payment Scheme and Rural Support Legislative Framework from 2021.

You highlight concerns expressed by NFU Cymru in August about the need for clarification and confirmation of the rules that will apply for farmers in 2021. We have engaged closely with stakeholders considering it was important to take into consideration as many views as possible before making any changes to the Basic Payment Scheme and Rural Development Programme. As the end of the implementation period is imminent, we aim to make announcements to confirm any changes in due course.

The UK Agriculture Bill received Royal Assent on 11 November, providing some certainty to the sector. I would like to reassure the Committee that it remains my intention to publish a White Paper by the end of the year paving the way for a Wales Agriculture Bill in the next Senedd.

Regards

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