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Dear Russell

Thank you for your correspondence, dated 27 February, requesting that the Committee considers undertaking an inquiry into the value of local slaughterhouses.

The Committee has recently begun work on food processing as part of its on-going inquiry into Rethinking food in Wales. While this work does not extend to animal welfare, more generally, we will be considering existing processing capacity within the red meat sector.

You may be interested to know that we will be taking evidence from Hybu Cig Cymru at our meeting on 6 March. It is possible that some of the issues you refer to in your letter will be raised during the session.

I will, of course, be happy to share with you the output of the Committee's work on food processing when it is available.

Looking ahead, the Committee has already identified a number of priority areas of work for the coming months. However, I will be happy to put your suggestion to the Committee as a potential inquiry topic when we next discuss our forward work programme.

Kind regards,



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Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

