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Dear Paul,

Following the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS) evidence session on 3 February, I wish to follow up on two points:

Labelling and traceability

As I said in Committee we are at the early scoping stages working with other Fisheries Policy Authorities (FPAs). Any future schemes will need to be compliant with food safety and packaging regulations and will need to ensure fisheries products are traceable back to source right along the supply chain.

Labelling and traceability schemes need to be transparent allowing the consumers to know their fish has been caught in a responsible, safe and ethical manner, is safe to eat and where it came from.

There are numerous accreditation schemes available across the UK food and drink industry. The adoption of an existing scheme or development of a new one by industry will need careful consideration, to ensure they are fit for purpose within the seafood sector. It will be important, when considering this with the other FPAs, that we benefit from lessons learnt from Food and Drink and Agriculture sector schemes across the UK and review research on consumer and stakeholder attitudes and expectations prior to taking this work forward.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Until the JFS is agreed and detailed discussions have taken place we are not in a position to provide any details or indicative costs to government or industry at this stage.

Fisheries Management and Support Framework

I informed the Committee of the publication of the Framework Outline Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding for the Fisheries Management and Support Common Framework on 17 February. I am happy to engage with the Committee further, in person or in correspondence on these documents.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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