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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 18 January, regarding Petition P-06-140: Ensure that publicly procured foods in Wales are never exclusively vegan or vegetarian.

The Senedd passed the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Act in 2023 which includes a socially responsible procurement duty. We are in the process of working with a range of partners to develop statutory guidance and regulations to support the Socially Responsible Procurement duties in the Social Partnership and Public Procurement Act. The Guidance may provide an opportunity to share good practice in relation to socially responsible food procurement.

However, it is for public bodies to take their own procurement decisions according to their needs so long as they do so within what the law permits. When offering a service such as food, public bodies will take account, so far as they reasonably can, of what consumers want to eat.

Yours sincerely,

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