

Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for
Climate Change and Rural Affairs

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Dear Huw,

Hybu Cig Cymru

Thank you for attending Committee on 7 May to give evidence to our inquiry into Hybu Cig Cymru. In private discussions following the meeting Members were curious about the relationship between HCC and other similar levy boards. Obviously, there are areas in which these organisations will be in direct competition, however there are also non-competitive areas where there could be co-operation. Please could you give your views on the relationship between HCC and its counterparts including answering the following questions:

- What is the current relationship between HCC and other levy boards in the UK, specifically the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board and Quality Meat Scotland?
- How much collaboration takes place currently between the organisations currently? Please could you provide examples?
- Has the Welsh Government and/or HCC explored avenues for the further sharing of resources and best practice (in non competitive areas) between these organisations?
- What are your views on how the relationship between these organisations should look in the future and will greater collaboration with other levy boards be reflected in the Welsh Government's new framework agreement with HCC?

As this inquiry is into the operation of a specific organisation I would like to conclude this work as quickly as possible to avoid adding any undue stress on HCC's workforce or board. To aid in this effort please could you respond to this letter by 29 May.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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