

Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change  
and Rural Affairs

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Dear Huw,

### **Sustainable Farming Scheme**

In our meeting on 17 July you **reaffirmed** your commitment to provide the economic impact assessment on the Sustainable Farming Scheme in September. On Tuesday I asked the First Minister for an update on when the impact assessment would be available.

The First Minister **told** me you had shared some information already with your ministerial round-table on this issue, and "that includes representatives of farming unions, environmental non-governmental organisations and other organisations. So, we're in the final stages of packaging that information up and we will be publishing that very soon for everybody to see."

She also said: "We know what impact this is going to have on rural communities. We know that the agricultural sector is going to have to adjust and adapt and we recognise that they will need to know what impact it will have."

As you will be aware, farming is a long term industry, and farmers need to plan seasons ahead. They can not undertake this planning unless they have certainty. Given the potential impact the Sustainable Farming Scheme will have, it is imperative the impact assessment and other associated documents are published without delay.

Thank you for agreeing to give evidence at a general ministerial scrutiny session with the Committee on 1 October. To support Members in examining the Sustainable Farming Scheme during this session, please could you provide the economic impact assessment to the Committee as soon as possible.



Ideally we would like to receive it by Thursday 25 September. This would allow us to include it in the papers for the meeting, which are set to be published on 26 September.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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