

Huw Irranca-Davies MS

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

20 October 2025

Dear Huw,

**Follow-up from the committee meeting held on 1 October 2025 –
General Ministerial Scrutiny**

Thank you again for attending the Committee's General Ministerial Scrutiny evidence session on 1 October. During the session, you offered to write to the Committee on several areas, which are outlined below as a reminder, and for clarity:

- The detail and dates of the communication plan for how you will advertise to farmers the change in bovine TB policy, to restrict 'resolved standard Inconclusive Reactor (IR)' animals, ahead of 1 January 2026.
- The number of prosecutions to date for those guilty of river pollution (in the context of the additional funding allocated to NRW to clamp down on those polluting rivers).
- Detail of the strategy to tackle industrial-scale agricultural pollution.
- The date you expect to be able to announce the options available for the long term water supply for the Monmouth-Brecon Canal, and any detail of the work of the task and finish group.

Additionally, the Committee would be very keen to receive an update on any progress on the Natural Resources Wales proposals to introduce licensing to regulate the release of game birds in Wales. This



follows your comments that you were waiting for Ministerial advice on this at the Committee's previous scrutiny session on 17 July 2025.

I would be grateful to receive responses to these queries please by 14 November 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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