

Huw Irranca-Davies MS

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

5 January 2026

Dear Huw,

Farming connect procurement

Please can you provide the Committee with some more information about the procurement process for the new Farming Connect contract. I understand the specification for the next Farming Connect contract is only available to those on the Rural Support Dynamic Purchasing Framework.

Farming Connect offers essential assistance to farmers, and with the implementation of the Sustainable Farming Scheme, this support is currently more critical than ever. Please can you set out how the procurement process is working? In particular please can you set out how it meets the requirements of fair and open competition we expect for public procurement.

Thank you for the time you gave to attend Committee. We would appreciate receiving your responses by 5 February to assist with our ongoing work.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

