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Dear Huw and Rebecca,

**Follow-up from the General Ministerial Scrutiny session
held on 5 March 2026**

Thank you for attending the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee meeting on 5 March. During the session, follow-up information was requested and offered on several points, as listed below:

Trade and Borders

1. An outline of how Wales is represented in conversations with the UK Government and EU negotiators.
2. An update on meetings with the UK Government regarding fair payment on scrap metal.
3. Any update which can be shared on whether the UK Government has plans to align itself with the move by the EU to restrict the export of scrap to non-Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development countries, who can't demonstrate that they can process scrap sustainably. I would appreciate this also including detail on how the Welsh Government plans to meet environmental targets whilst driving forward on the circular economy, as offered.



4. Information on how Wales can ensure that we maximise better quality scrap for the products we do not wish to be importing steel for.

Rural Affairs

1. An update on progress of the Welsh Government's 'Our Animal Welfare Plan for Wales 2021-26', particularly in relation to the linked PFG commitments.
2. An update on the operational agreements in relation to the fisheries.
3. Clarity around the rules for a non-AFU setting as contrasted with an approved finishing unit setting, in terms of post-movement TB testing on cattle - including the justification for, and effectiveness of, these rules.
4. Detail of the organisations who are members of the task and finish group responsible for carrying out the agricultural pollution regulations review.

Alongside these points, there were several questions exploring follow-up to the Committee's recent work into Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC) which we were unable to reach during the session, and I would therefore welcome receiving responses to the below also:

1. An update on the corporate culture at HCC, including how HCC has been reporting to the Welsh Government on this matter, and the systems in place to continue reporting into the next Senedd term.
2. Any detail on Welsh Government discussion with HCC as it developed its Vision 2030 document, particularly on governance and funding arrangements.
3. Information on when Vision 2030 is expected to be published.

Given time constraints presented by the upcoming dissolution period, I would be grateful if you could respond to the above points by 19 March 2026.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English