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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 4 December regarding the Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2017. You requested clarification of the Welsh Government's response to technical reporting point 3, on the retrospective effect of the Order.

I should like to reassure you and your Committee that in considering the retrospective application of the Order all relevant interests were weighed and balanced.

The overall aim of the order is to set fair wages for agricultural workers and to support skills and careers within the sector, enabling employees to learn and progress. This operation of the order contributes to the development of a more prosperous, resilient and equal Wales.

The Order was developed in consideration of the Welsh Government's obligations under legislation relating to the Welsh language, equality and human rights and children's rights.

Consideration was given to a range of matters including the amounts involved, the views expressed by the Agricultural Advisory Panel throughout the process of making the Order, views expressed during the Panel's consultation on the Order, and the consequences of not making the order as soon as possible.

Regards
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