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Dear David

Thank you for your further letter of 23 January regarding the Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2017. You have requested clarification of the Welsh Government's response to technical reporting point 3, on the retrospective effect of the Order.

The Welsh Government takes incredibly seriously the need for retrospective provisions which appear in legislation to be justified.

The Counsel General's consent to such provisions is required given the need for special justification. That consent was given by the Counsel General for Wales at the time and with that consent in mind and, as I have previously reassured you, my consideration of all relevant interests, I decided this to be an appropriate course of action in accordance with the justification tests set out by the Supreme Court.

Regards
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