

Lesley Griffiths AM
Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs
Welsh Government

30 April 2018

Dear Lesley,

Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2018

The Committee discussed this Order at its meeting on 26 April 2018. Members of the Committee suggested I should write to you to seek further information about two matters.

Firstly, there appears to be a lack of clarity in relation to the exact amount which employers are entitled to deduct from an agricultural worker's minimum wage for accommodation. Could you provide further information on this matter and explain how you plan to address any potential lack of clarity with employers and employees who are affected by the Order?

Secondly, could you explain to the Committee the reasons why this Order was laid so close to the coming into force date?

I understand the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee has also considered this Order and has raised similar issues.



The Committee has agreed to undertake a short review of this subject next year and I will write to you in due course to seek further information to inform that review.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Mike Hedges AM

Chair of Climate Change, Rural Affairs and Environment Committee

