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Dear Mick,

Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Agriculture Bill: Evidence session

Thank you for the opportunity to explain the Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the UK Agriculture Bill at the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on 16 March.

I have identified an error in my response to the questions raised by Carwyn Jones AM regarding my outstanding concerns regarding provisions for the identification and traceability of animals, agricultural tenancies and the regulation of organic products.

The correct response in relation to a dispute mechanism for tenants is that due to the removal of the new financial assistance powers for Welsh Ministers in the Bill, the Agriculture Wales Bill to be brought forward in the Senedd will provide an appropriate legislative vehicle to ensure access to new schemes for tenant farmers in Wales.

I would like to clarify this is no longer a red line. The two red lines relate to clauses 32, 36 and 37 on the identification and traceability of animals and regulation of organic products and good progress continues to be made on these.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I apologise for this error and hope the Committee is satisfied with my response.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Lesley Griffiths'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'L' and a long, flowing 'S' at the end.

Lesley Griffiths AC/AM

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