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Dear Mike

Thank you for your letter of 12 October, regarding the Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019.

Following the outcome of the consultation on the repair and maintenance of fixed equipment and end-of-tenancy compensation, it was not my intention to include the repair and replacement of field drainage and flood banks as new liabilities in the amending regulations. The Freedom of Information response issued on 31 March to the Tenant Farmers Association provided all internal documents concerning the development of the regulations.

I understand the Tenant Farmers Association are disappointed with the decision. However, agricultural tenancies are a very important aspect of our agricultural sector and I am committed to ensuring future tenancy law supports the sector to adapt to change, access new schemes and improve productivity.

We will continue to work closely with the Tenancy Reform Industry Group and wider stakeholders to develop and deliver reforms which balance the interests of both tenants and landlords. Future legislative changes will be set out in the White Paper I intend to publish before the end of this Senedd term.

Regards

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