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Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs  
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12 October 2020

Dear Lesley

**Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

At the Committee's meeting of 1 October 2020, Members discussed correspondence between the Tenant Farmers Association (TFA) and yourself in relation to the Agriculture (Model Clauses for Fixed Equipment) (Wales) Regulations 2019 and agreed I should write to you for further explanation on this matter.

We are concerned that during the course of exchanges the TFA was provided conflicting information regarding your intention to include the repair and replacement of field drainage and flood banks when amending the 'model clauses'. I would be grateful if you could clarify the following points:

1. Following the outcome of your consultation on Agricultural Tenancies in Wales, was it your intention to add the repair and replacement of field drainage and flood banks as new liabilities when amending the regulations? If so, how and why were they omitted?
2. If it was not your intention to add them, can you clarify whether this was a change in policy position, or for some other reason, and why was the TFA initially advised that plans were in place to make the necessary revisions to the regulations?
3. Given the TFA'S ongoing concerns on this matter, do you have any plans to revisit this issue ?



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I would welcome a response by 9 November 2020.

I am copying this letter to George Dunn, Chief Executive, Tenant Farmers Association.

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 MS  
Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

