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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter. As you state, the subject of agricultural pollution and the Regulations is an extremely complex policy area. As well as the detailed report from the Committee, which required careful consideration, there is also ongoing development of the implementation of the Co-operation Agreement, which directly relates to this subject area.

As stated in my Written Statement of 5th October, we want to set out a clear and supportive path for farmers to transition to these Regulations. The Committee's work is an important part of this and it was, therefore, important the Welsh Government's response took full account of the latest developments on the Co-operation Agreement also.

I can assure you as Chair, and all Members of the Committee, the delay in responding to the Committee's report in no way entailed any measure of disrespect. I am grateful to the Committee for its work and I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee on this matter.

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, trailing 's' at the end.

Lesley Griffiths AS/MS

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