



The Scottish Parliament
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Dear Secretary of State,

On behalf of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment to Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to discuss the interactions between Scottish and UK agriculture and fisheries policy, post EU-exit; this is particularly relevant now as we will shortly begin Stage 1 scrutiny of the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Bill.

The Committee meets on Wednesday mornings during the parliamentary term and would be happy to accommodate you (or one of your DEFRA ministers) either in person or virtually. If a Wednesday morning is not convenient, the committee clerks can liaise with your officials to find a suitable alternative.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener, Rural Affairs and Islands Committee