



The Scottish Parliament  
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The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP  
Secretary of State for Environment,  
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**Rural Affairs, Islands and  
Natural Environment Committee**  
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By email only

Dear Secretary of State,

I wrote to you on 9 November to invite you to give evidence to the Committee on the impact of EU exit on agriculture and fisheries policy. We are disappointed not to have received an acknowledgement or response.

The Committee agreed again at its meeting last week that it would be helpful to discuss with you, or one of your ministers, a number of issues which impact on devolved agriculture and fisheries policy. The Committee would like to discuss, in particular, issues around the budget for future agriculture policy and the implications and implementation of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill.

As I said in my previous email, the Committee meets on Wednesday mornings during the parliamentary term and would be happy to accommodate you either in person or virtually. If Wednesday morning is not convenient, however, the committee clerks can liaise with your officials to find a suitable alternative.

Yours sincerely,

**Finlay Carson MSP**  
Convener  
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