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Dear Finlay,

Thank you for your letters of 9 November 2022 and March 22 to the Secretary of State inviting her to give evidence to your Committee on agriculture and fisheries policy . I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area. I apologise for the lengthy delay in replying.

As agriculture and fisheries are both devolved competencies, I would suggest that it would be more appropriate for Devolved Administration ministers (or Scotland Office) to engage with your Committee rather than Defra ministers.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP