



The Scottish Parliament  
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

## Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP  
Secretary of State for Environment,  
Food and Rural Affairs  
UK Government

**20 January 2025**

Dear Secretary of State,

On behalf of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee, 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 important this year as the Scottish Government implements the Agriculture and Rural Communities (Scotland) Act 2024 and introduce a new system of agricultural and rural support in Scotland.

The Committee meets on Wednesday mornings during the parliamentary term and would be happy to accommodate your attendance either in person or remotely. Should this not be convenient, the Committee's clerks are available to liaise with your officials to find a suitable alternative.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

**Finlay Carson MSP**  
Convener