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## Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

During your ministerial statement on 8 November relating to future agricultural support and food security in Scotland, you stated the Scottish Government's intention to bring forward legislation to amend the Agriculture (Retained EU Law and Data) (Scotland) Act 2020.

I would be grateful if you could provide further information regarding this proposal. It would be particularly helpful if you could indicate if you expect this to be via primary or secondary legislation; if secondary legislation, which powers you intend to use to make these regulations; and what timescales you expect to work to.

A response by Monday 21 November would be helpful to inform our work programme discussion on 23 November.

Yours sincerely

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