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Dear Rob

Justice Committee evidence session on agricultural crime

The Justice Committee has agreed to hold a one-off evidence session on agricultural crime to take place on Tuesday 24 February. The session will focus on the following areas:

- the extent and cost of the problem to the farming community
- the extent to which those who commit these crimes are opportunists or involved in organised crime
- the impact these crimes have on victims and farming businesses
- how the farming community and the police are tackling this problem, e.g. what security measures they are putting in place, and
- any barriers to detection and prosecution.

This will be a round-table evidence session in which the following organisations and witnesses will be invited to participate:

- Police Scotland
- Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service
- National Farmers Union
- NFU Mutual
- Scottish Land and Estates
- Scottish Crofters Federation
- Scottish Tenant Farmers Association
- Dr Robert Smith, author of a Scottish Institute for Policing Research report on rural crime.

Members of the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee are of course welcome to attend and participate in the session. Justice Clerks would be happy to keep RACCE clerks up-to-date on timings and confirmed witnesses in advance of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine', written in a cursive style.

Christine Grahame MSP
Convener of the Justice Committee