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Dear Richard

**RE: AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS MEDIATION etc.**

Many thanks for your update letter of 21 October outlining ongoing Scottish Government action in relation to agricultural holdings mediation. In your letter you stated that Senior Counsel for the Scottish Government and the tenants group are due to meet today, Thursday 22 October, to discuss the position on liability in the relevant cases.

I appreciate the Committee is due to receive another written update from you by Wednesday 4 November, however given the urgency of this situation, the Committee is requesting a specific written update on the outcome of this meeting. We request that this update be provided to the Committee clerks by no later than close of business on Tuesday 27 October. This will allow the Committee to consider the most up to date position in relation to this issue as part of our work programme discussion at our meeting on Wednesday 28 October.

I am thankful for the efforts you and your officials are undertaking in relation to this issue, and in keeping the Committee updated as we have requested. It is much appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you by 27 October.

Yours sincerely

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Convener