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Dear Rob

CAP PAYMENTS

I am writing to give the Committee the standard weekly update on progress with BPS payments figures as at 16 March.

The Committee will also be aware that opening the Single Application Form (SAF) for 2016 claims on schedule has continued to be a high priority. As planned, the deployment of the new functionality required the Rural Payments and Service system to be unavailable for a whole day during the previous week. I can confirm that the online SAF application window opened on schedule on 15 March. Several hundred businesses have started the application process and we have received the first completed applications.

This will be the final regular update on BPS progress provided to the Committee, however we shall continue to publish information on BPS payments, as well as SAF 2016 applications, on a weekly basis on the Rural Payments and Services website.

Yours sincerely,

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ANNEX A - Weekly Update on Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) Payments 16 March 2016

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BPS Payments	
Total number of eligible BPS claims <i>This is an estimate of the total number of eligible BPS claims. They are still being finalised and therefore this figure is expected to change over time.</i> <i>All the percentage of payments paid noted within the report, are a percentage of this figure.</i>	18,137
Total number of payments committed last reported (as at close of business 9 March 2016)	10,732 (59%)
Total number of payments committed as at close of business 16 March 2016 <i>Includes all payments that have been submitted into the banking system. The majority will have arrived in customers' accounts but some may still be working their way through the banking system.</i>	11,206 (62%)