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Dear Mr Paice and Mr Gallacher

Invitation to appear before the Scottish Parliament's Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee

I am writing to you following my earlier letter of 6 May inviting you to appear before the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee of the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 13 May.

We understand that you were unable to meet with the Committee on that date and we are disappointed that you are also unable to meet with us on the two proposed alternative dates next week. The Committee remains extremely concerned by the recent developments at First Milk and the potential impact these may have on those farming in many of our most fragile communities which may threaten the sustainability and recovery of the dairy industry in Scotland.

We therefore intend to schedule an additional meeting to accommodate your limited availability and invite you both to appear before the Committee at its meeting on Thursday 28 May 2015, at the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Given the extended timescale we would expect you both to attend this meeting.

I would be grateful if you contact the Clerks to the Committee, on the contact details outlined above, to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Rob Gibson MSP
Convener