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Dear Rob

AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS MEDIATION etc.

Further to my letter of 9 October I am writing to update the Committee on developments in this matter.

Senior Counsel for the Scottish Government and the tenants group are due to meet on Thursday 22 October to discuss the position on liability in the relevant cases.

Scottish Government lawyers have written to agents for the tenants and landlords to invite them to take part in mediation discussions. We have heard from Eddie Henderson on behalf of the tenants group that they are willing to participate in these discussions. We have been informed by agents on behalf of the landlords that they are taking instructions from their clients.

In view of the urgency of the situation, Scottish Government officials will remain in regular contact with all concerned and I will continue to provide updates to the Committee.

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