

Huw Irranca-Davies MS  
Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs

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Dear Huw

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs.

Although you are already familiar with some of the Committee's work which falls within your portfolio, I wanted to update you on rural affairs work we have recently carried out, and have planned.

The Committee held a short one-day inquiry on [Farming.Connect](#) on 22 February 2024, which focused on the preparedness and capacity of Farming Connect to deliver future services required under the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS), as well as to support farmers during the transition.

During the Summer term, the Committee will be holding an inquiry into the Sustainable Farming Scheme (SFS). The Committee is looking forward to hearing from you at our meeting on 13 June 2024. This will involve two sessions – the first a general session which is an opportunity to set out your priorities and reflect on approaching your first hundred days as Cabinet Secretary, and the second session focusing on our SFS inquiry.

The Committee very much looks forward to engaging with you in your new role.

Kind regards,



**Paul Davies MS**  
Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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