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Dear Huw

The Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2025

At the meeting of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee on 28 April 2025 the Committee considered the Welsh Government's response to its report on the Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2025.

The Committee noted that, in response to the second reporting point – which identified differences in drafting across articles 5(b), 6(a), 7(a) and 8(a) – the Government has stated its intention to take the Committee's comments into account when preparing the 2026 Order.

However it is unclear to the Committee what action, if any, the Government proposes to take in relation to a definition used in article 21, that the Committee considers to be superfluous and which the Government agrees is "an oversight" (reporting point 4). The Committee would welcome clarification on whether the issue identified in the fourth point of our report will also be addressed when the 2026 Order is prepared.

We would be grateful to receive a response by 14 May 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges

Chair

