



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee

Jim Fairlie MSP
Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity
Scottish Government

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Dear Minister,

Agricultural Reform Implementation Oversight Board

The Committee notes that three members of ARIOB have resigned due to their frustration at the lack of progress made by the Scottish Government on farming policy and about the decisions being made. A number of committee members were informed of this decision late yesterday, although this information was not more generally circulated to the Committee.

As discussed at the Committee's meeting this morning, it would be helpful if you could respond to these ex-ARIOB members' concerns and set out your view about how their resignations will affect the future work of ARIOB.

It would be helpful if you could provide a response by Friday 9 January.

Yours sincerely,

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Convener

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