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Rural Affairs Committee

National Farmers Union Scotland

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Dear National Farmers Union Scotland

Introductory session on land reform

Thank you for your letter of 27 October in advance of the Committee's session on land reform – the Committee always welcome briefings from stakeholders in advance of evidence sessions to support our considerations.

In your letter, you also note disappointment at not being invited to give evidence at the session. I thought therefore it would be helpful to write back to explain the purpose of the session. The Committee's 28 October evidence session was an introduction to a key topic within the Committee's remit, rather than an inquiry or an in depth look into specific aspects of land reform or the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2025. Were the Committee to undertake a longer-term piece of work on land reform (e.g. the consideration of the draft regulations on community engagement referred to in your letter), this would be reflected in the number of evidence sessions we would hold and the range of witnesses we would invite. In that regard, I note your request to be considered on that list in the future.

Yours sincerely,



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