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Dear Rob,

BECOMING A GOOD FOOD NATION LAUNCH & CHANGE OF MINISTERIAL TITLE

I am pleased to inform the Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee that I last week launched the next stage of Recipe for Success: Scotland’s National Food and Drink Policy: Becoming a Good Food Nation.

This next phase centres around a new aspiration to become a Good Food Nation and it will build on the success of Scotland’s first National Food and Drink Policy, Recipe for Success. I want it to be second nature for Scots to serve eat and sell good food, not only tasty but healthy and environmentally sound. This will have implications for all of us, for schools, hospitals, farmers, food producers, retailers, caterers and consumers across Scotland. A copy of the discussion document is enclosed for your information.

In addition, I would also like to advise you that, in recognition of the importance responsibilities of food, the First Minister has agreed that my portfolio title should be changed to become the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and the Environment. This change will take effect from Wednesday 18th June 2014.

I trust this information is of interest to you. If this subject would be of interest to the committee, I would of course be happy to assist.

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