Dear Richard

Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations 2015 SSI 2015/192 and The Rural Payments (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2015: SSI 2015/194

The Rural Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Committee considered the above named instruments at its meeting on 3 June 2015 and while it made no formal recommendation on the instruments it agreed to write to you seek additional information on two issues.

In relation to the Rural Development (Scotland) Regulations 2015 SSI 2015/192 the Committee asks for further information on the timescales for the completion of the Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment (BRIA) and a date when it will be made available in the Scottish Parliament Information Centre as set out in the Explanatory Notes accompanying the instrument.

With regard to The Rural Payments (Appeals) (Scotland) Regulations 2015: SSI 2015/194 the Committee has concerns around resource issues surrounding appeals to the Land Court. The Committee asks what analysis has been undertaken regarding the capacity of the Land Court to deal with any appeals submitted to it and what are the timescales you expect it to work within to hear appeals?

Yours sincerely

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