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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your question in plenary on 16 October concerning eligibility for the 2019 Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) Support Scheme. I understand you have also raised the issue with the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs.

A BPS loan scheme was first introduced in 2018. Due to continued uncertainty surrounding the U.K's exit from the European Union a loan scheme has been opened again for 2019, this time re-named the BPS Support Scheme.

The Scheme is open to applications from farm businesses with valid Entitlements which have submitted a BPS claim on their 2019 Single Application Form (SAF). State Aid rules mean any farm business which has received agricultural de minimis State Aid totalling over €20,000 in the last three fiscal years is not eligible.

Scheme guidance is available on the Welsh Government website.

Yours sincerely

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