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Dear Andrew,

I am writing in response to WQ89973 about how the Welsh Government is supporting agricultural apprenticeships. We undertook to provide a substantive response and I am sorry for the delay in doing so.

An agricultural apprenticeship is a key entry path to a career within the industry, providing a combination of skills development and work experience, as well as a clear progression path to higher education. Understanding the importance of apprenticeships, earlier this year Welsh Government invested more than £143m to support an apprenticeship programme which is delivered by a network of training providers across Wales.

Moreover, in 2022 the Welsh Agricultural Minimum Wage set out a clear pathway for careers in agriculture through a re-designed grading structure. The structure encourages young people to take up agricultural apprenticeships via a fast-track system that allows apprenticeships to reach Grade C within 3 years, as opposed to 5 years without an apprenticeship.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Huw Irranca-Davies', written in a cursive style.

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