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Dea Rhodri Glyn,

2014 – 2020 ESI PROGRAMMES

Thank you for raising the suggestion in Derek Vaughan's draft report to the European Parliament that member state level operational programmes should be considered in the next round of EU funding.

I can confirm that it has not been the policy of either the Welsh or the UK government at any stage that there should be UK level programmes for 2014 - 2020. The only exception to this will be the EMFF, which is already a UK level programme in the current round.

Generally, there is much that we would welcome in Derek's report, and we have to remember that this is a report about the whole of the European Union, where some member states face very different arrangements and issues to ours. Nevertheless, since the particular point you have raised is not consistent with Welsh and UK policy, we had made representations to this effect, and I have discussed this with Derek. I understand that the suggestion of member state level programmes will not be there in the final draft of his report.

Best wishes,
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