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Dear Ms Marra

**COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY: UPDATE**

Please find enclosed the latest monthly report from Scottish Government officials. The report provides information on progress since our last report dated 05 June 2017 and provides information on issues arising over that period.

I have copied this update to the Convener of the REC Committee, Mr Mountain MSP.

I am planning to send the next report at the beginning of August.

Elinor Mitchell

**June UPDATE** – All figures correct as of 30 June 2017.

## **2016 Payments**

### **BPS, Greening and Young Farmer**

As of close of business, Friday 30th June, we have made BPS, Greener and Young Farmer payments to 16521 farmers and crofters, valued at £343 million. This represents around 90.4% of expected total payments for those schemes.

Also by close on Friday 30 June, we have made £384 million worth of payments across all Pillar One schemes, which equates to 90.68% of the overall value.

More detailed information is available in the annex to this note. We are continuing to work hard to make payments to remaining farm and crofting businesses.

### **European Commission Extension**

As part of our regular contact with the European Commission and our ongoing contingency planning, we have been investigating the possibility of securing an extension to the penalty free period. To that end, we wrote to the European Commission on 21 June seeking agreement to extend the payment deadline from 30 June to 15 October for Pillar 1 payments, should this be necessary, given the acutely challenging delivery and implementation issues we continue to face.

## **2017 SAF applications**

The SAF 2017 window closed as planned on 15 May 2015. The table below outlines the number of applications we have received to 30 June.

<b>2017 SAFs Submitted</b>	
Total SAFS submitted at 15 May	<b>19853</b>
Total SAFS submitted After 15 May (may be subject to penalties)	<b>215</b>
<b>Total number of applications to 30 June</b>	<b>20068</b>

## **LFASS Loans 2016**

As of 28 June, we have received 12,125 loan applications. Of these:

- 11,275 loan offers to the value of £56.4m have been made
- 8,437 loan payments have been made, worth £50.7m
- 189 cases are awaiting further information from the applicant and may yet become eligible depending on their returns and further processing.
- 661 are considered ineligible.
- All cases with confirmed eligibility have been made offers.

## **Futures Fujitsu Technical Assurance Review**

The response to the key findings of the Independent Technical Assurance Review into the Rural Payments and Services IT Platform was published on 28 June 2017. The response can be found here:- <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2017/06/7189/downloads>

## 2016 Basic Payments Scheme Payments (BPS)

Update, (data captured on Friday 30 June 2017)

<b>BPS application processing</b>	
Number of eligible applications	17980
This number will fluctuate as applications are processed and some found to be ineligible.	

<b>BPS payments</b>	
Value of payments made (to date)	£ 342.9m
	€ 402.3m
Value of payments made (this week)	£ 59.1m
	€ 69.3m
BRNs whose payments have been processed (to date)	16521
BRNs whose payments have been processed (this week)	1745
The above figures include Basic Payment Scheme, Young Farmers and Greening payments. Payments reported here include those that have been committed to the banking system but may not have arrived in customers' bank accounts yet. This information does not include nationally-funded loans that were paid to over 13,000 businesses.	

<b>VCS payments</b>		
<b>Scottish Suckler Beef Support Scheme (Mainland)</b>	No. of payments	5549
	Value of payments	£29.9m
<b>Scottish Suckler Beef Support Scheme (Island)</b>	No. of payments	1180
	Value of payments	£5.3m
<b>Scottish Upland Sheep Support Scheme</b>	No. of payments	907
	Value of payments	£5.6m