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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter of 8 February regarding Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC).

I hoped I was clear in my letter of 31 January I was responding as openly as possible in the circumstances. I have confirmed the Welsh Government is aware of these matters and HCC is following due processes on the basis of its own procedures and own professional advice. Whilst these processes remain ongoing, I am not in a position to give any more information for the reasons I have previously outlined.

You have called on me to intervene in HCC, however, Welsh Government, as stated above, is satisfied due process has been followed in respect of information shared to date. However, if you have evidence to the contrary, please could you share.

You also reference an undermining of levy payer confidence and concerns regarding HCC delivering its remit. This would be of considerable concern to me, however, this has not been raised with me to date. Again, if you have evidence underpinning these allegations, I would be grateful if you could share it with me urgently as the Welsh Government is in regular touch with HCC and thus far has not had cause to have concerns regarding HCC's ability to discharge its usual business and functions. Any evidence to the contrary would be reviewed as a matter of urgency.

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I am copying this letter to Paul Davies, AS/MS, Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee in light of your call for the Committee to investigate. It is, of course, for the Committee to determine whether it wishes to scrutinise this issue in the future. However it should be noted there is nothing further I, nor HCC, would be able to say until the processes in place are concluded and matters resolved.

Yours sincerely,

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