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Dear Mike

**Re: Rural Development Programme Wales**

I have recently met with several constituents in relation to the delivery of the above. As you will be aware, this is an economic development plan for rural areas that seeks to deliver over £900million of Welsh Government and European Union money for rural economic development over the 7 year life of the plan for the years 2014-21.

My constituents, and indeed the farming unions, have pointed out deep concerns as to the running of the Rural Development Programme and importantly in relation to the delivery of monies out of it to Welsh rural-based businesses. Given we are fast approaching the half-way point of this current Rural Development Programme's life I would be most grateful, as would my constituents, if in your role as chair, along with the other committee members, you would take the view that an inquiry into the delivery and support at this half way point of the Rural Development Programme would be one that your committee would consider undertaking.

Thank you for your assistance with this issue, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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