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Sent: 04 July 2014 10:11

To: [REDACTED] (Perm Sec - OFM); [REDACTED] (Perm Sec - Cabinet Secretary)

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Subject: FW: OAQs

[REDACTED],

I am in search of some advice in terms of the Minister's request below.

A short background is that the Minister is requesting the payment amounts for the recipients named under the Common Agricultural Policy, Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 (P1 and P2 respectively). These payments are Europe based and are allocated to recipients to sustainably manage agricultural land.

In terms of whether this information is in the public domain, historically (i.e. during previous rounds of funding), the Commission have tried to enforce that recipients of funding should be named. This judgement was overturned in the European Court of Justice, when an individual farmer challenged the issue and they judged that the Commission had exceeded their remit and if the information related to a sole trader it would, in fact, impinge on their human rights. However, the Commission are again trying, through the new round of funding, to enforce that all recipients of CAP funding are published.

I have two concerns here, (a) that this information is not technically agreed to be in the public domain yet and (b) according to the Ministerial Code (point 1.1 subsection (ix)) it states that Ministers must not use the Welsh Government's resources for party-political purposes. As the request is so specific, I am mindful that this is how it may be viewed if subject to FOI procedure.

I have advised the Minister that I do not think it is appropriate to have this information which has been agreed by the officials ***** and *****, however he has now requested this information verbally again.

Given the week we have all just endured, I would be very grateful for your view on this. I am happy to discuss or to provide further information if you need it.

Thank you

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A couple of things -

Could I have a P1 and P2 payment schedules associated with the following people please?

Antoinette Sandbach

Andrew RT Davies

William Powell

Kirsty Williams

Llyr Gryffudd

Could I have a report back from the beef summit held by Defra yesterday? I understand that HCC attended?

Thanks

Alun