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Dear Mick

Thank you for passing on the written evidence from the National Beef Association received by the Legislative Scrutiny Committee in response to the Committee consultation on the proposed Legislative Competence Order (LCO) for the Welsh red meat industry. From their letter I note that they have suggested the inclusion of the additional terms;

'Increasing efficiency or productivity and economic return in the red meat industry.

'Improving or developing services and technology that the red meat industry provides or could provide to the community'.

I have carefully considered this proposal and have decided that no amendments are necessary to the wording of the proposed LCO for the following reasons:

- It is our intention that the LCO be as clear as possible and the proposed wording is not sufficiently specific in legislative terms so as not to create unnecessary ambiguity or confusion about the scope of the LCO
- The LCO as proposed is sufficiently broad in its scope to permit a wide range of actions to be undertaken without a need to define these within the LCO itself
- There will of course be the chance to discuss the detailed benefits that can be delivered as a result of any subsequent Measure once the LCO has been passed. During this process I will ensure that the evidence provided by the National Beef Association is considered.

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