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Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to your request to the Minister for Finance and Leader of the House for an update on the report I commissioned from the Food Standards Agency on Food Law Enforcement in Wales. Lord Jeff Rooker, the Chair of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) sent me the report on 26 May. My officials have provided advice to me on the report and the recommendations but I would also like the FSA to present the report and recommendations to me personally. I have asked Steve Wearne, the FSA Wales Director and Mr John Spence, the FSA Wales Board Member to do this. This will also allow me the opportunity to address questions to the FSA and have an open discussion on the key issues.

Following the meeting, it is my intention to meet representatives of Directors of Public Protection Wales to discuss the report and recommendations. I also intend to seek views on the report and the proposed response from a number of people and organisations with an interest in this issue. Once I have agreed the Welsh Government's final response I will share it with Professor Pennington requesting his views on our response.

The review I commissioned allows us the opportunity to consider whether improvements can be made to the current system with a view to protecting public health in Wales. I want to ensure that we do all that we reasonably can to reduce the risk of any future food related outbreaks in Wales. In doing so, I want any changes that are made to the current system to deliver improvements for the people of Wales.

Yours sincerely

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