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**Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG)**

Thank you for your letter dated 21 November 2011. My officials have been in discussions over recent weeks with Dr Glenda Thomas of FWAG, about her plans to establish FWAG Cymru as a separate legal entity in Wales. The hope is that if and when established, FWAG Cymru would deliver to customers in Wales the services FWAG UK have until recently delivered, including environmental advice under Farming Connect.

My officials have consulted with colleagues in other parts of the Welsh Government and are providing advice to Dr Glenda Thomas on the support that might be available in the form of start-up packages and restructuring funding that could potentially assist in establishing FWAG Cymru as a separate, new entity.

Any new company to emerge from the old will need to be approved by the Welsh Government before it could be authorised to deliver subsidised Farming Connect services and my officials are talking to Dr Thomas about this aspect also.

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