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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your recent Written Assembly Question. Please see response below.

In light of WAQ78975, will the Minister clarify that farmers who have benefited from the loan in the last BPS payment will not be eligible to claim the loan facility in 2019 if their payment exceeded €20,000? WAQ79014 (e)

Lesley Griffiths: The 2018 BPS loan payment was not state aid. The interest covered under this payment was agricultural state aid as well as payments under the Red Meat Benchmarking Scheme. Farm businesses may have also received state aid payments from other U.K. Paying Agencies.

All farm businesses which received a 2018 BPS Loan have recently received a letter from Rural Payments Wales setting out the value of state aid payments received.

Those farm businesses which received a 2018 BPS loan payment of greater than €20,000 are eligible to apply for the 2019 BPS Support payment subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

The 2019 BPS Support Scheme guidance has been published and is available on the Welsh Government website.

Regards

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