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Dear Andrew,

Please find below the answer to your Written Questions.

**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** What conversations has the Welsh Government had with the British Veterinary Association concerning the roll-out of the use of approved tuberculin testers carrying out testing of cattle in Wales? (WQ86422)

**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** Will the Minister outline how the Welsh Government will learn from the success of the free TB Advisory Service in England, and how these lessons will inform Wales' approach to tackling bovine TB going forward? (WQ86424)

**Lesley Griffiths:** Over the last year, both myself and the former Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales have met with the British Veterinary Association (BVA) on a number of occasions where the potential role Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATTs) could play in the delivery of TB testing in Wales was discussed.

My officials take an active interest in how the TB Advisory Service (TBAS) has been developed and what lessons can be learned. In Wales, we have the Cymorth TB Programme, providing free veterinary advice to Welsh farmers which, has been in place for a number of years, however, uptake is disappointing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Lesley Griffiths AS/MS**  
**Y Gweinidog Materion Gwledig a Gogledd Cymru, a'r Trefnydd**  
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