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Dear Mark,

I am writing to you in relation to the Written Questions you tabled on 14 June in relation to blood sport activity, and their eligibility for business support funding.

There has been no change on blood sports eligibility to the discretionary Economic Resilience Fund (ERF).

As part of the eligibility criteria for the discretionary and additional grant aid under ERF it states that the following activities are not eligible for funding: (1) party political purposes; (2) the promotion of particular secular, religious or political views; (3) gambling; (4) pornography; (5) offering sexual services; (6) any kind of illegal activities; or (7) any kind of activity which in our opinion could bring the Welsh Government into disrepute. The Welsh Government does not support certain activities that are likely to give rise to controversy about appropriate use of public funds.

The Welsh Government does not support the shooting of live quarry as a leisure activity, and as a result applications are refused under category 7 - activity which in our opinion could bring the Welsh Government into disrepute. Game shooting for pleasure is deemed ineligible for ERF, the same as exclusion of shoots from land owned by NRW under standard terms of grant award.

Wider related activities such as vermin control, clay pigeon and associated hospitality venues are supported if meeting wider eligibility criteria. The ERF support is at the discretion of Welsh Ministers.

Yours sincerely,

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