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Dear Andrew,

Please find below the answer to your Written Question.

Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central): What steps is the Welsh Government taking to minimise rural theft? (WQ83220)

Lesley Griffiths: I recently provided funding for the appointment of a dedicated all-Wales Rural and Wildlife Crime Coordinator in Wales. This 12 month pilot role is vital in leading and coordinating the action of the four police forces on rural crime across Wales ensuring consistency of approach, the sharing and implementation of best practice, and work with key partner agencies, such as the farming unions, to reduce the financial and social impact on rural communities. He will also develop a Wales specific Rural and Wildlife Crime Strategy to replace the current England and Wales strategy which is due for renewal in 2021.

I commend the police forces in Wales for the great strides they have made to tackle rural and wildlife crime over the years.

Regards,

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