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Mr Ewing welcomes this positive update and passes on his thanks to all involved.

Kind regards

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Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity

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Cabinet Secretary

## **LFASS 2017 LOAN SCHEME – PROGRESS UPDATE**

This note provides a brief update on implementation of the 2017 LFASS loan scheme ahead of your announcement tomorrow (09 Feb 2018).

- The LFASS claim data is being analysed to calculate loan offers.
- The team responsible for delivering NBPSS 2017 loans will also deliver this scheme.
- The full extent of eligible businesses is still being confirmed, but we expect this to be around the same level as the 2016 loan scheme when offers were made to approximately 11,275 businesses.
- It is likely that a small number of applicants will not be in a position to be offered a loan. This was the case for the 2016 LFASS loan scheme too.
- Farmers and crofters who have yet to receive their full (or balance) 2016 LFASS payment will be offered a loan.

- We will be sending out NLFASS offer letters in batches, the first offers will start to be sent from the end of February 2018 and will continue to be issued as claim eligibility is confirmed.
- The loan offer (attached) has now been agreed by officials and SpAd's.
- We have engaged with the external printers to ensure they can issue loan offers to our timescales.
- In line with the approach taken to the BPS 2017 loan scheme, the LFASS 2017 scheme will be an "opt in" scheme.
- The majority of businesses will be offered a loan of 90% of their anticipated 2017 LFASS payment. Others will be offered less on a sliding scale, based on similar factors to those used in the 2015 and 2016 schemes.
- We have prepared a Q&A document (attached) to give farmers, crofters and stakeholders more details of the scheme – this will be published online following your announcement.



QA NLFASS 2017  
LATEST draft



NLFASS 2017 draft  
offer letter form

We will provide a further update before the first loan offers are issued.

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