

Annex A

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Sent: 17 July 2018 08:43
To: Harper E (Emma), MSP
Subject: RE: Parliament mtg with Sheila Voas

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To: Higgins K (Kate) [REDACTED]
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From: Higgins K (Kate)
Sent: 17 July 2018 10:00
To: Harper E (Emma), MSP
Subject: RE: Parliament mtg with Sheila Voas

Ok see you then

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1100 would be good.... we are meeting the non Gov bills team at 1400...with the draft of consultation.....

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Sent: 17 July 2018 17:01
To: Higgins K (Kate)
Subject: FW: NFU Scotland Blog - Spanish lessons on compulsory milk contracts

Kate,
A thought!
I've been thinking about how to support Dairy industry and pricing and contracts....since I met [REDACTED] as a newbie MSP.

And I remember you saying to me "ask [REDACTED] what he is doing?"
Looks like [REDACTED] NFUS is doing something.

Is this something that Scot Gov is pursuing too as is described that DEFRA looking in to it?
Emma

From: NFU Scotland [<mailto:nfuscotland@nfus.org.uk>]
Sent: 17 July 2018 11:45
Subject: NFU Scotland Blog - Spanish lessons on compulsory milk contracts

Good Morning

(Copied to board, policy, milk committee, secretaries)

Mandatory dairy contracts are a very 'hot topic' in the UK right now but things got even hotter last week when Vice President Gary Mitchell took part in a study trip to Spain to look at its experience in introducing mandatory regulated contracts.

The 2012 EU Dairy Package included three key catalysts for the dairy sector: member states could adopt compulsory regulated contracts; increase the scale and effectiveness of Dairy Producer Organisations (DPOs) and develop Interbranch Organisations (includes producers, processors and can even include retail)

The UK opted for a voluntary code on contracts which has under achieved, DPO's have not been developed in the UK to any degree, and we don't have an interbranch organisation.

In contrast, in Spain, all three EU options have been adopted and have been in place since 2012.

All parties in Spain - farmers, producer organisations, co-ops, and government - have overcome initial caution and concerns and see the introduction of mandatory contracts as a positive step.

The result is that ALL milk sold in Spain is now under a contract that has been 'agreed' and overseen.

In the UK, the recommendation by the Grocery Chain Adjudicator (GCA), accepted by Defra, is to introduce a regulated compulsory contract specific to the dairy sector.

There was plenty of 'dairy' food for thought for Gary in the Spanish sun as NFU Scotland works up its response to the Defra dairy contract consultation.

You can read the full blog at: <https://www.nfus.org.uk/news/blog/vice-presidents-blog-17-july-2018>

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<https://www.nfus.org.uk/userfiles/images/Policy/Brexit/Brexit%20Doc%20-%20pages.pdf>.

Feed in your views: brexit@nfus.org.uk or call 0131 472 4000.

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