# WRITTEN STATEMENT

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# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

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| **TITLE**  | **Decision on ‘Pillar transfer’ of funds from Basic Payment Scheme (“BPS”) 2020 to support rural development.** |
| **DATE**  | **2 January 2020** |
| **BY** | **Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Environment, Energy & Rural Affairs** |

Under the Common Agricultural Policy, member states and administrations are permitted to transfer up to 15% of their BPS budget to their rural development budget, known as an “Inter Pillar transfer”.

Welsh Government officials have notified the UK Government of our intention to maximise the available support for Wales’ rural economy and environment after Brexit by transferring 15% of the 2020 budget for the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) to support rural development as per the practice during each year in this Rural Development Programme.

This decision has been made subject to the UK Government providing full replacement funding for BPS 2020 after the UK leaves the EU.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Assembly returns I would be happy to do so.