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| **TITLE** | **Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill** |
| **DATE** | **14 January 2020** |
| **BY** | **Lesley Griffiths Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs** |

The Direct Payments to Farmers (Legislative Continuity) Bill (the “Bill”) was introduced by George Eustice MP in the House of Commons on 9th January 2020. The Bill can be found at: <https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/directpaymentstofarmerslegislativecontinuity.html>

The Bill will provide the legal basis to continue paying Direct Payments to farmers by ensuring that the scheme continues in each part of the UK for claim year 2020, and provides much needed stability to Welsh farmers. The Bill makes provision with regards to devolved matters and I will lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum.