



Ein cyf/Our ref: WAQ 77913

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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders AM,

Further to your recent Written Assembly Question please see my response below:

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Further to WAQ77878, will the Minister clarify what the Welsh Government and EU requirements are, and make a copy of the contracts with Lantra and Menter a Busnes available? WAQ77913

Lesley Griffiths: The knowledge Transfer, Innovation and Advisory Service under the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 Framework is funded through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) regulation. The eligible activities and expenditure and how the framework will manage the arrangements for the development and support of activities, are stipulated within articles 14, 15 and 16 of the EAFRD regulation.

In line with the requirements stipulated within the Framework specification, Menter a Busnes and Lantra provided a comprehensive financial breakdown of the costs of delivering the service and their fixed outputs, aligned to the targets, and the methodology for achieving these outcomes. Contract Managers monitor claims and progress against the information provided.

Welsh Government Contract Managers ensure compliance with the terms of the contract by managing the delivery through a series of indicators covering cost, quality, delivery, service, community benefits. The Contract Managers also regularly engage with the stakeholder community to review and evaluate delivery.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Our Contractors are required to submit defrayed expenditure claims and progress reports to the Welsh Government via the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO).

Key information on the implementation of the programme and its priorities are reported to the EU commission quarterly through the RDP Programme Monitoring Committee (PM) and annually through the Annual Implementation Report (AIR).

The specific contracts we have with Lantra and Menter a Busnes are considered commercial in confidence.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Lesley Griffiths'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'L' and a long, trailing 's'.

Lesley Griffiths AC/AM

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Ynni, Cynllunio a Materion Gwledig
Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs