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Thank you for your letter of 10th March, regarding food security in the UK.

I agree we are facing a tragic situation and all of us stand in solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine and we keep a careful eye on developments.

The Ukrainian war has caused immediate disruption to global markets and supply chains and we can expect the effects to last for some time.

Wales is relatively fortunate because Ukraine supplies little food directly to the UK. The immediate threat is limited to a narrow range of products, the most important being sunflower oil which is widely used in food manufacturing. The Food Standards Agency is leading urgent work to risk assess alternatives so industry may adapt. I am confident this disruption can be managed successfully. In terms of future food security issues, these will need to be considered at a UK level.

We still face the challenges presented by the climate and nature emergencies. My plans to support the farming sector to take action in these areas remain unchanged.

I will introduce the Agriculture Bill later this year and this will set Sustainable Land Management as the framework for all future support for farming. It is the right framework for a secure future where food production is ecologically sustainable. Future farm support will reward farmers who take action to meet the challenges of the climate and nature emergencies alongside the sustainable production of food.

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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.

The scheme will encourage farmers to be less reliant on external imports, with the aim of developing resilience within farming and also reducing expenditure on imported goods such as animal feed and fertilisers.

I will publish further details on the scheme in the summer and look forward to working with you to refine the proposals.

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