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Dear Minister of State

I am writing because farmers in my constituency of West Suffolk have expressed strong concerns about delays in the release of Farming Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF) grants for purchasing machinery.

As you will know, there were supposed to be three rounds of FETF opportunities last year; the first one was rolled out with many applications, for which only around half were reportedly claimed by the cut-off date in January. The second and third rounds were paused.

One constituent has said to me that the market has effectively stalled due to the uncertainty, and that it is not possible to order machinery because of the lack of clarity resulting from delays in decision-making. As my constituent notes below:

“With Spring fast approaching, time and weather and crops wait for no-one! Our order flow has stalled and many in the agricultural supply line are fast approaching difficulties... With commodity prices worldwide at a very low point, combined with high levels of wheat imports into the UK... it’s a very challenging time without the worry of IHT issues to top it off.”

I would be grateful if you could explain the availability of FETF grants, confirm when the second and third rounds might open and take action to speed up processing.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

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