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Dear Baroness Sheehan,

Thank you for your letter of 10 September about farming programmes and schemes.

We completed an inflight evaluation of the Farming Innovation Programme (FIP), which was published in March. The evidence indicates that FIP has delivered activities and benefits that would not have happened otherwise or at the same scale or speed. The nature of this innovation funding means that impacts are measurable into the future. Our longer-term evaluation work will build on the existing evidence and focus on understanding whether and how expected outcomes are achieved. This will help build a picture of the long-term impacts of innovation funding on farmers as well for achieving environment and other public outcomes.

We recently [published a blog](#) about two Landscape Recovery projects entering long-term implementation agreements. Landscape Recovery uses a consistent programme of monitoring and evaluation operating at two levels – the scheme level and the project level.

Projects are required to report against a core set of environmental, economic and social metrics and indicators that align to Government targets such as those included in the Environmental Improvement Plan. Projects will report their findings regularly over the duration of their agreement. Based on these reports we will be able to assess Landscape Recovery's impacts, both social and environmental, and its value for money.

Yours sincerely,

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