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Dear Finlay

Further to my appearance at the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee budget meeting on Wednesday 11 January, and as promised, I am now pleased to provide an update on the future support framework for agriculture in Scotland.

As part of my speech to the NFU Scotland Annual General Meeting, I will today announce a package of measures to provide information and financial certainty that farmers and crofters require to help them prepare for the change necessary to deliver the ambitious aims set out in the Scottish Government's Vision for Agriculture.

For ease of reference, I have include links to the relevant publications:

- [New payment for farmers to improve animal health and welfare launched under Preparing for Sustainable farming;](#)
- [Route Map for agricultural reform;](#)
- [Guidance on the list of the measures being considered and evaluated for inclusion for future agriculture support in Scotland;](#)
- [Full 2023 Payment Strategy timetable;](#)
- [Opening of a new round of the Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund \(KTIF\).](#)

Please let me know if you require any further information.



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