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For the attention of Cabinet Secretary, Mr Mackay and Cabinet Secretary Mr Ewing,

In response to Cabinet Secretary, Mackay's earlier request for briefing ahead of Cabinet meeting; Please see attached briefing which highlights current funding guarantees, updated to reflect the position following Mr Gove's speech at last week's Oxford Farming Conference.

Best regards,

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Folks,

Mr Mackay was aware of the article running on the BBC around Michael Gove's farm payment plans (Mr Ewing is quoted in the article). Cab Sec is asking for advice from officials about it so grateful if we could have a 1-2 page note that covers both the UKG Post-Brexit system, and what guarantees we have re funding in the years UKG have apparently suggested continuity.

Grateful if we could have this up by 4PM today.

Thanks and happy to discuss.

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