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The Rt Hon. Baroness McIntosh
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By email

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Dear Baroness McIntosh,

In a debate on 29th February 2024 your Ladyship asked me whether farmers would be rewarded for storing water on flood land. I said there will be measures that benefit flood risk mitigation in all three environmental land management schemes, the Sustainable Farming Incentive, Countryside Stewardship and Landscape Recovery. I am writing to correct the record on this matter.

There will be such measures in Environmental Land Management schemes, which will include payments that relate to floodwater storage, but not particularly under SFI, only the other two.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

LORD DOUGLAS-MILLER