

PE1542/D

Petitioner Letter of 27 March 2015

Dear Mr Pentland

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Please find enclosed the following –

1. Extract from Government consultation on CAP reform – national reserve and entitlement trading 2004.
2. Government consultation criteria on milk quota.
3. Consultation list (63 organisations but not including individual farmers).
4. Extract from 2006 BAC. review “area covered by LFASS not exactly the same as ring fenced areas”.
5. Letter for Scottish Office with 1996 consultation “make quota system as flexible as possible and to enable producers to make full use of their quota within the constraints of the EC legislation” (not sent to individuals).
6. Government press release re: Islay Creamery. Recognising higher value outside ring fence.
7. Consultation document 2003.
 - (a) One of the aims – fresh drinking milk for local population (criteria later changed)
 - (b) Ring fences started 1984.
8. Letter – Ross Finnie to Winnie Ewing (07/10/02) “low milk prices of last four years appear set to continue. No mention of rights of individual again – no mention of ownership of quota.
9. Letter Ross Finnie to Alan Reid 19/03/02. Ring fencing. NFU poll several years ago – union to decide when another one to be carried out.
10. 18/10/02 – letter NFU secretary to board member of First Milk “idea of ring fence does not warrant discussion”.
11. NFU – dairy crisis – acknowledge dire situation on farms. 24/03/00.

12. 12/02/11 – Richard Lochhead – “ridiculous that any sector less for their goods than they cost to produce.

And finally an article which appeared in the “Scottish Farmer” on 10/05/03 which explains the situation which many dairy farmers have gone through.

The foregoing should make it quite obvious that Government are fully aware that the milk price has been unviable for many dairy farmers for over 15 years.

Yours sincerely

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