

As discussed, if we get calls today from farmers asking about the implications of the referendum result, staff should use the following lines:

- To the best of our knowledge, Area-Based schemes, including the Basic Payment and agri-environment schemes, will continue to operate as normal.
- Farmers will continue to receive the payments due to them and there will be no change in the timing of payments for 2016.

Beyond these, staff should refrain from offering further comment or speculating as to what may happen in the future.

Please keep me informed as to the volume and nature of calls received today. We may not get many.

Thanks,

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