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Dear Ms Ford

Niki

Thank you for your recent correspondence and for meeting with me on 17 November 2022 to discuss domestic regulation of the organics industry.

As I said in our meeting, this is one of a number of issues I am still working through. Since taking on my ministerial responsibilities, my immediate focus has been on the most pressing of challenges for my portfolios, namely biosecurity, natural disaster preparedness and response, and agricultural workforce concerns.

I will be working with the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to consider the findings from the public consultation, research and analyses undertaken to date.

In response to your query, I will consider whether it is appropriate to share the PwC cost benefit analysis with the Organics Industry Advisory Group. I will also consider an industry round table in the new year and have asked my department to come back to me on this.

Thank you again for your letters and for meeting with me.

Yours sincerely

MURRAY WATT

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