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Dear Bill

As you know, I support the action you have taken to raise awareness about injuries to farmers and members of the public caused by cattle. After hearing you introduce your Agricultural Accidents (Records) Bill in the House on 9 April, I asked HSE to see if there was anything they could do to help you address the issues you raised, without legislation.

Following your meeting with Rick Brunt, Head of HSE's Agriculture Sector, on 6 May, HSE will collect certain data for investigated cattle incidents and make this information available through their annual fatal incident report for agriculture. HSE will also publish the details from non-fatal investigations separately and are currently looking at how best to do this. Mr Brunt will be writing to you shortly to confirm in detail what HSE is proposing.

HSE's main advice on cattle safety will continue to be that farmers consider all large animals as potentially dangerous, selection of animals for breeding should include consideration of temperament and that there are a range of factors that can change the animal's behaviour. HSE also point out that the most common features of the incidents they have investigated are cattle with calves and walkers with dogs.

Thank you for raising this issue.

with regards  
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**Rt Hon. Mike Penning MP**

**Minister of State for Disabled People**

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