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Dear Denis,

Re: PQ Ref: 12771/19

In my reply to Parliamentary Question Ref: 12771/19 I replied that '*According to the legislation, the automated grading methods should achieve at least 60% accuracy for both conformation and fat cover. However, results in Ireland for classification were at much higher levels, for example, in 2018 with 91.8% accuracy for conformation and 84.8% for fat*'.

This latter figure of 84.8% is incorrect. This is a typographical error and should have read 94.8%.

I am happy to correct this error which confirms a significantly improved accuracy score for the mechanical classification of Fat cover.

My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Creed TD
Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine