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Department: Agriculture, Food and the Marine
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QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Agriculture; Food and the Marine the steps which will be taken with regard to funding approved for works in TAMS II applications that have yet to be drawn down which will expire by the end of 2018; the number of applicants in this position; the value of moneys approved not drawn down to date; the steps which will be taken with regard to moneys approved but not drawn down; if these funds can be carried forward; and if not, if they must be returned to the Exchequer or the EU budget.

REPLY

The budget for TAMS II for the duration of the Rural Development Programme (2014-2020) is €395m. Payment claims continue to be received and processed on an ongoing basis as is the case with applications for approval.

It is open to any farmer whose approval has expired to submit a new application under the scheme .

TAMS is a demand led Scheme and expenditure is dependent on the volume and value of payment claims received. To date, payments to the value of €92.4m have issued, €57.2m in 2018.

Reminder messages have been sent to applicants with outstanding approvals, reminding them to check their expiry date and to submit their claims for payment as soon as they are in a position to do so. A reminder also issued to Agricultural Advisors.

- Applicants with a 12 month approval have the option of applying for a 6 months extension. The extension will only be granted for structures and fixed investments where work has commenced. No extension will be granted for mobile equipment. An application for an extension must be lodged, together with documentary evidence, to the online system between the start of the eighth month and before the end of the eleventh month following the original date of approval.

To date 17,344 approvals have issued with a grant value of €280.5m;

Of this:

- 6,351 payments have been made with a grant value of €92.4m
- 1,010 approvals have expired with an estimated grant value of €12.5m

- 9,983 approvals have yet to be drawn down with an estimated grant value of €188m.

Payments will continue to be made from the budget for TAMS II for the duration of the Rural Development Programme (2014-2020) of €395m.