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Y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros
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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate
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Mike Hedges MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Welsh Parliament
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26 September 2024

Dear Mike,

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, I wanted to report on the latest meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 16 September 2024 which I attended.

The meeting was chaired by Steve Reed MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The meeting was also attended by Mary Creagh MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Nature), Baroness Hayman, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands, Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity, and Andrew Muir MLA, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

I have issued a Written Ministerial Statement summarising the discussions. The Group agreed to establish stronger intergovernmental relations based on the principles of honesty, trust and respect and, in this context, we agreed new and ambitious Terms of Reference. These will be published on the UK Government website and I will provide you with a link to these in due course.

We agreed a schedule of meetings for 2024 and 2025 to facilitate engagement and oversee several areas of enhanced collaboration.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The next meeting will take place 18 November.

I have also copied this letter to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name.

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