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Chair  
Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee  
Welsh Parliament

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Dear Mike, Llŷr,

I am writing further to my letter of 27 February 2025, and in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, to report on the meeting of the Interministerial Group on Net Zero, Energy and Climate Change. The meeting was chaired by Andrew Muir MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs at the Northern Ireland Executive.

The meeting was also attended by Michael Shanks MP, Minister for Energy, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero at the UK Government, Dr Alasdair Allan MSP, Acting Minister for Climate Action at the Scottish Government, and Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Minister for the Economy at the Northern Ireland Executive.

I have issued a [Written Statement](#) summarising the discussions. I am due to chair the next Interministerial Group meeting in Cardiff, which I expect will take place in early May and focus on the UK Emissions Trading Scheme. In addition, the Group agreed to explore the possibility of urgent meetings to discuss the decarbonisation of heat in buildings and the Climate Change Committee's advice on the UK's seventh carbon budget. I will share the details with you once confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

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