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Dear Llyr

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 June enclosing the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee's Report '*Pre-appointment hearing: 'Chair of Natural Resources Wales'*'.

I am grateful to the Committee for its pre-appointment scrutiny of the preferred candidate, Mr Nilesh Sachdev and for the prompt publication of its report. I am pleased to see the Committee endorses Mr Sachdev for appointment to the role of Chair of Natural Resources Wales.

In terms of the concerns raised in the Committee's report, I have sought additional assurance of Mr Sachdev's time commitment, accordingly I am satisfied he can fulfil the requirements of the role.

My officials and Natural Resources Wales will be supporting Mr Sachdev with a tailored induction and training programme to assist in developing a greater and deeper understanding of Natural Resources Wales, as well as operating within the Welsh context. This programme will be initiated, upon formal appointment i.e. ahead of formal arrival, it will continue post his arrival as Chair in November.

I have, therefore, made the decision to appoint Mr Sachdev to Chair of Natural Resources Wales. I would like to thank you and the Committee again for your time in undertaking this pre-appointment hearing. I would be grateful if the Committee could keep this in confidence until I have made my announcement.

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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.

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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