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Y Dirprwy Brif Weinidog ac Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros
Newid Hinsawdd a Materion Gwledig
Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate
Change and Rural Affairs



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Mike Hedges MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

19 February 2026

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 5 February 2026.

I attended the meeting which was chaired by Andrew Muir MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for the Northern Ireland Executive. Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity of the Scottish Government attended. The UK Government was represented by Emma Reynolds MP, Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs; Dame Angela Eagle DBE, Minister for Food Security and Rural Affairs and Baroness Sue Hayman, Minister for Biosecurity, Borders and Animals.

I have issued a Written Ministerial Statement summarising the discussions.

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

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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 overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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