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Dear David,

## **Inter-institutional Agreement - Intergovernmental Relations Review Ministerial Meetings**

I recently updated you on the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) mandate for, and agreement to, the ongoing work around the Intergovernmental Relations Review (IGRR).

I previously reported that Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) ministers met to discuss machinery and dispute avoidance and resolution on 12 August. Further meetings were scheduled for 8 and 10 September. These meetings were merged and took place on 10 September.

I chaired this meeting, and was joined by the Minister for the Constitution and Devolution, Chloe Smith MP, UK Government, Jenny Gilruth MSP, Minister for Europe and International Development, Scottish Government, and Ministers Gordon Lyons MLA and Declan Kearney MLA, Northern Ireland Executive.

Noting the significant impact and adverse implications of the UK Government's Internal Market Bill on intergovernmental relations, we nonetheless agreed the need to jointly progress the work on the IGR review within this forum.

We made further progress on dispute avoidance and resolution, and machinery, though there is more work to do and we asked officials to continue to collaborate on the proposals. I will provide further information in due course.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

I have written similarly to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee,  
Mick Antoniw MS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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