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Dear Huw,

### **Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Safety, Security and Migration Interministerial Group**

I am writing further to my letter of 24 January, and in accordance with the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement, to report on the first meeting of the Safety, Security and Migration Interministerial Group (IMG), held on 1 February. I was hoping to have had the opportunity to inform you of the agenda items prior to the meeting but, unfortunately, I did not receive the agenda until 48 hours before it was due to start, which did not allow sufficient time. I hope that as the meetings of this IMG progress, the sharing of documents in a timely manner will become the norm.

The meeting was attended by the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon. Suella Braverman KC MP, as the Chair, by the Scottish Government's Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development, Neil Gray MSP and by the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service, Dr Jayne Brady.

During the meeting I re-emphasised the Welsh Government's focus on crime prevention and welcomed the opportunity this IMG provides for the sharing of best practices

The meeting also provided me with an opportunity to discuss our views on the new Nationality and Borders Act and I suggested that the next IMG meeting should focus on the improvement of access to safe and legal migration routes. I expressed the Welsh

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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.

Government's concerns around the UK Government's current policy which prevents asylum seekers from being able to seek employment and the ongoing accommodation issues.

The next meeting is due to take place in May and I will inform you once a date has been finalised.

Further information can be found at [Interministerial Group for Safety, Security and Migration Communiqué: 1 February 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/interministerial-group-for-safety-security-and-migration-communiqué-1-february-2023).

I am copying this letter to Jenny Rathbone MS, Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the first few letters.

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