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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter of 18 May detailing the committee's recommendations in relation to the Provisional Common Frameworks for Air Quality, and Chemicals and Pesticides which have been noted.

As you will be aware, the UK Parliament, Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly are also undertaking scrutiny of the framework(s), and we will need to wait for their Committees to complete scrutiny before we can provide a response to your recommendations. This approach to responding to Committee recommendations has been agreed on a four-nation basis and is in line with the spirit of four-nation working and consensus that embodies the Common Framework programme. The only exception to this is where a recommendation relates to a factual error which poses a reputational risk to one or more of the Governments.

I will therefore write to you again once the recommendations have been received from all UK legislatures and the four governments have reached agreement on the changes to be made to the frameworks in response to these.

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I commit to providing a full response as soon as practicable, but please accept this letter in the interim. In the meantime, if there are pressing matters related to policy about which you would like information or clarification, please write to me and I will be happy to address these outside the scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely

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