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I am writing to inform you that the inaugural meeting of the Interministerial Group (IMG) on Work and Pensions took place on 6 November.

The IMG was chaired by the Minister for Disabled People, Health, and Work, representing the UK Government's Department for Work and Pensions. As Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip, with responsibility for advice and advocacy services, I represented the Welsh Government.

I wish to apologise that you were not notified of the IMG, prior to its inaugural meeting, as set out by the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement. I will keep you informed of all future meetings of the IMG.

Following the inaugural meeting, I have issued a <u>Written Ministerial Statement</u> which summarises the discussions that took place. As confirmed in the Statement, in line with rotating chair arrangements, the next IMG meeting will be chaired by myself.

I expect the next meeting to take place in Spring 2024, and I will provide a written update on its arrangements including a likely agenda and date in due course.

I have also copied this letter to the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

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