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Dear Sarah,

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, I wish to notify you of the cancellation of the latest Environment Food and Rural Affairs Interministerial Group. The Group was due to meet on 1 May and would have been the first meeting since September 2023.

I said in my [Written Statement](#) on 29 April on the Extreme Weather Summit that I would be discussing the impact of farmers and growers in Wales at the Interministerial Group. This was just one of a number of important and time sensitive discussions we were due to have. We were also planning to discuss ongoing issues with the Windsor Framework command paper, and we intended to sign off the National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan which will be launched later this month.

This cancellation was a disappointing lost opportunity. I have written to the Secretary of State to express my disappointment and asked that he commits to a new date at haste. I hope we will be able to rearrange the meeting quickly, and I will inform you when we have been able to do this.

I am copying this letter to Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Constitution & Cabinet Office and the Chairs of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committees.

Yours sincerely,

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