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Dear Mike,

### **Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Forthcoming Intergovernmental Meetings**

I am writing in accordance with the Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement to notify you that I attended the second meeting of the Four Nations Group on the UK Government Child Poverty Strategy. As I noted in my letter to you in November the purpose of the group is to embed Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland into the development of a UK-wide strategy on Child Poverty. The group will provide the opportunity for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to inform the development of the UK-wide strategy and ensure the proposed strategy complements existing and developing strategies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The meeting, held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December was chaired by Alison McGovern MP - Minister for Employment. Also in attendance was Shirley-Anne Somerville MSP – Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Scottish Government and Gordon Lyons MLA, Minister for Communities

The meeting focused on the Priority areas for the UK strategy and a forward look to future Taskforce and Four Nations meetings. During this meeting I highlighted key Welsh Government asks on energy social tariffs and Local Housing Allowance Rates. I also highlighted the importance of childcare as part of supporting people on pathways out of poverty and accessing skills and employment.

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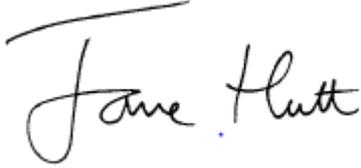
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs; the Children, Young People and Education Committee; and the Equalities and Social Justice Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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 name.

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