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Dear Mike,

In accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, I wanted to report on the latest meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Group for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 23 June 2025.

The meeting was chaired by Jim Fairlie MSP, Minister for Agriculture and Connectivity of the Scottish Government, who was accompanied by Mairi Gougeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Land Reform and Islands and Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy also for the Scottish Government.

Andrew Muir MLA, Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs and Caoimhe Archibald MLA, Minister for the Economy attended for the Northern Ireland Executive. The UK Government was represented by Steve Reed MP, Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Mary Creagh MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Nature, Baroness Sue Hayman, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and Daniel Zeichner MP, Minister of State for Food Security and Rural Affairs.

I have issued a Written Ministerial Statement summarising the discussions. The next meeting is currently scheduled for 8 September.

I have also copied this letter to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs committee.

Yours sincerely,

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