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Inter-Institutional Relations Agreement: Transport Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement to notify you that I represented Welsh Government at the Transport Inter-Ministerial Group held on 5th November 2025.

This meeting was chaired by Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Scotland Government. A joint communique will be published [here](#) in due course.

We discussed three main topics: Road Safety, Decarbonisation of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs), and the Vehicle Emissions Trading Scheme. We had a broad-ranging discussion about road safety which covered progressive licensing reform, national speed limits and medical fitness to drive. The development of the Northern Ireland Graduated Driver Licensing scheme was discussed and further information will be shared with the other nations. We also discussed the decarbonisation of HGVs and particularly recognised the need to collaborate on charging infrastructure that supports cross-border journeys. I am pleased that the Vehicle Emission Trading Scheme Memorandum of Understanding between the four nations has been agreed.

Finally, we discussed the data sharing across the four nations and acknowledged the work undertaken by officials in developing a Memorandum of Understanding and pro-forma for data-sharing.

I will be attending the next meeting of the Transport Inter-Ministerial Group due to be scheduled early in 2026 and chaired by a UK Government minister.

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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 the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Drafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru
Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales